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Clerk-Recorder Urges Public to Record Real Property Documents Before the End of Year to Avoid Additional \$75 Fees Imposed by Senate Bill 2

Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen and the California Recorder Association oppose Senate Bill 2 (SB 2) - The Affordable Housing and Jobs Act – which requires county recorders to collect an additional \$75 fee - with a few exceptions and up to a maximum \$225 - on every real estate instrument, paper, or notice required by law.

Unfortunately Senate Bill 2 (SB 2) was passed by the California State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown in September 2017. Proponents of SB2 claim that this will raise \$250 million towards the construction of affordable housing in California. Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen doesn't feel that SB 2 will fix the affordable housing issue and worked hard to try to convince key legislators to oppose the bill.

The Recorder's office in Orange County has the lowest recording fees in the State of California. Now beginning January 1, 2018, per Senate Bill 2 (SB 2) the Recorder's Office will have to charge an additional \$75 to record a document. This translates to a 930% increase in recording fees for the affected documents.

“If you have documents that are ready to record, visit one of my offices and record them before the end of the year,” Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen said. “I want taxpayers to save \$75 per document recorded by coming to our office by December 29.”

On July 14, 2017, an opinion piece co-written by Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen and Orange County Board of Supervisor Chairwoman Michelle Steel to voice their opposition to SB 2 appeared in the *Orange County Register*. In the piece, both listed a variety of reasons why SB 2 is not good for the taxpayers and how it doesn't address the real issues such as the high cost of construction and overregulation in California.

To record any pending real property documents and to avoid these fees, you may visit our office in Fullerton, Laguna Hills or Santa Ana prior to the end of the year. Please note that the Clerk-Recorder Department will be closed for Christmas Day and that the last day to record real property documents in 2017 is Friday, December 29.

Please visit us at OCRecorder.com for the department's hours and locations or to learn more about the services offered by the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department.

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