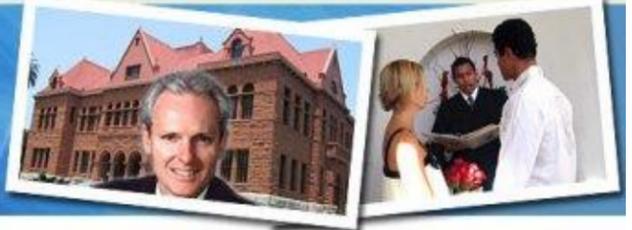


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## WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in the newsletter for the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department. We'll be bringing you periodic updates on the latest news and information in the world of public records, vital records and personal privacy, as well as more about Orange County history.

Sincerely,

## VENTURA COUNTY JOINS SECURE SYSTEM



Ventura County has become the eighth county in California to join SECURE, the multi-county electronic recording delivery system pioneered by Orange County and co-owned by the counties of Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego. Ventura County joins Sacramento, Santa Barbara and San Mateo as partners in the groundbreaking statewide system. The counties combined account for about 70% of all documents recorded statewide. Los Angeles County began recording documents electronically alongside Orange County when the system launched in December 2009.

## PASSPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER TRAVEL



The Clerk-Recorder Department offers passport services at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana, 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd. in Room 202. The courthouse is open weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., except holidays. As an added convenience, passport photos can be purchased on the spot for \$15. As an added convenience, holders of U.S. passport books and passport cards can now sign up through the Clerk-Recorder Department to receive an e-mail alert 90 days before passports are due to expire. Find out more about passport services by visiting us online at [www.ocrecorder.com](http://www.ocrecorder.com).

## FREE STATE HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Homeowners who have lost their jobs, need help reducing mortgage payments or are in danger of losing their homes to foreclosure can get help free of charge through the California Housing Finance Agency. The agency's Keep Your Home California program offers assistance for low- and moderate-income homeowners who need to reduce their loan's principal balance and mortgage payments, homeowners who need mortgages reinstated and homeowners relocating after short sales. There is no cost to apply, but state officials have warned of phone scammers attempting to collect fees of up to \$900 for application assistance. The program has helped about 12,000 borrowers, reflecting more than \$200 million in financial aid, state officials said. Californians are encouraged to call (888) 954-5337 or visit [www.KeepYourHomeCalifornia.org](http://www.KeepYourHomeCalifornia.org). Additional details can be found at the California Housing Finance Agency website at [www.calhfa.ca.gov](http://www.calhfa.ca.gov).

## KEEP UP WITH THE CLERK-RECORDER DEPARTMENT ON FACEBOOK!



Check us out on Facebook to keep informed of items of interest in the Clerk-Recorder Department and to read our latest press releases. Find out about special events, traffic alerts, holiday closures and other news. Just search for "[Orange County CA Clerk-Recorder Department](#)." to find us. Then become a fan!

## RECOGNITION WALL

The first week of May was national Public Service Recognition Week, a time celebrated since 1985 to honor the men and women serving at federal, state and local governments across the country. Employees were honored with a Recognition Wall in Room 101 and provided special treats during the week, including ice cream, cupcakes and candy bars. Thanks again to all of our employees who work hard every day to provide excellent customer service!

## BABY ITEM COLLECTION



Did you know on average one baby uses 3,000 diapers a year? Employees at the Clerk-Recorder Department pitched in this year to support HomeAid's 5th Annual Essentials for Young Lives Campaign, collecting essential items for babies such as diapers, wipes, hygiene items and food. Partner agencies included American Family Housing, Anaheim Interfaith Shelter, Casa Teresa, Families Forward, H.I.S. House, Human Options, Interval House, Isaiah House, Laura's House, Mary's Shelter, Mercy House, Orange County Rescue Mission, Pathways of Hope, Precious Life Shelter, Thomas House and W.T.L.C. Department employees collected three large boxes of baby items. Many thanks to Gloria Serrano in Room 101 and Priscilla Gonzalez in Room 106 for doing a great job to encourage and organize the collections.

## FREE ANTI-FRAUD WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department offers free workshops to community groups about combating real-estate fraud plus ways to thwart identity thieves. Workshops can be tailored to fit your group. For more information or to schedule a workshop, call the Department at (714) 834-2248.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: APRIL**

**Name:**

Richard Mendez

**Job Title:**

Office Supervisor B



**How long have you been with the Clerk-Recorder?** 5 1/2 years.

**What is the best part of your job?** 1. Dealing with customers. 2. My fabulous co-workers. 3. The variety of challenges that come up day in and day out.

**Favorite book?** The Bible.

**Favorite movie?** "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"

**Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live, about your family. Anything that may surprise us.** My wife Maria and I just celebrated our 19th anniversary this past June. We have two wonderful kids—my son, Joshua, 16, and my daughter, Rachel, 15. One of my favorite jobs in life is coaching, I've been coaching youth sports for the last 20 years. One of my other jobs is playing cards. I love playing Texas Hold-em poker—it seems to relieve the little stress I have from work and two teenage kids.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: JUNE**

**Name:**

Judy Hoshor

**Job Title:**

Senior Document Examiner



**How long have you been with the Clerk-Recorder?** 17 years with the department and just over 21 with the County.

**What is the best part of your job?** Being able to help our customers and the knowledge I have gained from each of the units I have worked in. For the past few years I have been a part of our new electronic recording delivery system, SECURE. I have a whole new appreciation for how a system of this magnitude is created and implemented.

**Favorite book?** Of Mice and Men, A Tree Grows in Brooklyn and To Kill a Mockingbird.

**Favorite movie?** "Fried Green Tomatoes."

**Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live, about your family. Anything that may surprise us.** I grew up on a small farm in Arizona and came to the "big city" 27 years ago! I have a great life here in Santa Ana with my "comedian" boyfriend, our kids and two dogs!



Check out the Orange County Archives' new display in the lobby of the Hall of Administration (10 Civic Center Plaza in Santa Ana) showcasing Orange County's first female supervisor, HARRIETT WIEDER, who represented the 2nd District from 1979 to 1995.