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LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK BEGINS OFFERING ONLINE MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS TO SAME-SEX COUPLES

Acting Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan announced today that his office began offering marriage applications online to same-sex couples at 5:01 PM. The RR/CC will start issuing marriage licenses and offering civil marriage ceremonies to same sex couples beginning at 8 AM on Tuesday, June 17 in accordance with the California Supreme Court ruling reversing the ban on same sex marriage.

To accommodate the anticipated increase in couples seeking licenses and ceremonies, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has expanded service at the department's Norwalk headquarters as well as expanded availability for civil marriage ceremonies at five district offices throughout Los Angeles County. Norwalk will be open extended hours on weekdays starting on June 17 and continuing through June 27 from 8 AM through 5 PM issuing licenses and will remain open through 8 PM to perform civil marriage ceremonies as needed to meet the demand.

Additionally, the Norwalk facility will hold a Marriage Event on Saturday, June 21 from 8 AM through 8 PM. Couples can apply for licenses and ceremonies. Ceremonies will be performed in a marriage tent where a dozen Deputy Civil Marriage Commissioners will be on hand to officiate.

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Appointments are not necessary to obtain a license. Ceremonies will be offered on a first come, first served basis on Tuesday, June 17 and Saturday, June 21. On all other dates, ceremonies will be by appointment, which can be made once a license has been issued. The marriage license fee is \$70 and civil marriage ceremonies are available for \$25.

Couples are encouraged to complete the application for a marriage license online at www.lamarriage.lacounty.gov beginning on June 16 after 5:00 PM, when the new forms will be posted. “While not required,” Logan said, “completing the on-line application will expedite the licensing process when the couples appear in person to pick up their licenses at our offices.”

At the request of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the RR/CC has also partnered with the City of West Hollywood to provide marriage license and civil marriage ceremony services. The City is initially providing services at the West Hollywood Park and Auditorium beginning at 9 AM on Tuesday, June 17. “We are excited to be working with West Hollywood and pleased to be able to accommodate them with our staff and services,” Logan said.

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Couples may visit any of the locations listed below beginning on Tuesday, June 17 to complete a marriage license application, pay the fee and arrange for a civil marriage ceremony.

WEEK OF JUNE 16 through 21, 2008

LOCATION	HOURS & SERVICES
Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Headquarters 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk	Weekdays and Saturday, June 21, 8 AM – 5 PM for licenses and through 8 PM for ceremonies. Ceremonies will be on a first come, first served basis on Tuesday and Saturday and by appointment only on all other dates.
West Hollywood Park & Auditorium 647 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood	Tuesday through Thursday, 9 AM-5 PM, Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and Saturday, June 21 from 8 AM-8 PM. Services include issuing marriage licenses and performing ceremonies. Ceremonies are by appointment only
RR/CC Beverly Hills Courthouse Office – 9355 Burton Way, 1 st Floor, Beverly Hills	Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Services include issuing licenses and performing ceremonies. Ceremonies are by appointment only
RR/CC Lancaster District Office 1028 W. Avenue J2, Lancaster	Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Services include issuing licenses and performing ceremonies. Ceremonies are by appointment only
RR/CC LAX Courthouse Office 11701 S. La Cienega Blvd., 6 th Floor, Los Angeles	Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Services include issuing licenses and performing ceremonies. Ceremonies are by appointment only
RR/CC East L.A. District Office 4716 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles	Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Services include issuing licenses and performing ceremonies. Ceremonies are by appointment only
RR/CC Florence-Firestone District Office – 7807 S. Compton Ave., Room 215, Los Angeles	Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Services include issuing licenses and performing ceremonies. Ceremonies are by appointment only
RR/CC Van Nuys District Office CLOSED FOR REMODELING	<i>A temporary location will be open in July to provide services in the Van Nuys area until the RR/CC remodeling project is completed.</i>

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