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LOOKING TO TIE THE KNOT ON VALENTINE'S DAY?

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan today reminded couples planning to get married that they can make Valentine's Day extra special this year. The RR/CC will be issuing marriage licenses and performing marriage ceremonies on February 14, 2011, at the seven RR/CC offices conveniently located throughout the County (see attached list for location information). No appointment is necessary for marriage ceremonies on Valentine's Day.

"Valentine's Day is always our busiest day of the year for weddings," Logan said. "In an effort to provide the highest level of service to couples wishing to marry on February 14, we are providing them the opportunity to obtain a marriage license and to be wed in a civil ceremony that same day."

To help facilitate the large number of couples anticipated on February 14, our Norwalk Headquarters at 12400 Imperial Highway will make multiple wedding ceremony areas available. The last time the RR/CC offered expanded services for Valentine's Day was February 14, 2008; 350 marriage licenses were issued and 271 marriage ceremonies performed.

Marriage Licenses and Civil Wedding Ceremonies

For couples wishing to obtain a marriage license and be married in a civil ceremony that same day, there is no residency or citizenship status requirement; blood tests are not necessary. Couples must be over 18 years of age. Couples can submit the application for a marriage license online at <http://www.lavote.net/Clerk/Marriages.cfm>.

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Once submitted, the couple can go to the RR/CC Headquarters in Norwalk or to any one of the RR/CC [Branch Offices](#) to pick up their marriage license, pay the license fee, which is \$90 for a public license and \$85 for a confidential license, and be wed. The fee for the civil ceremony is \$25. Payment can be made in cash or by check or money order, made payable to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk or RRCC. If paying by check, valid identification i.e., driver's license or passport, of the signer is required and must be presented at time of request.

The marriage license is valid for 90 days from the date of issuance. Walk in applicants are taken on a first come, first served basis.

To complete the application for a Marriage License a couple must:

- Appear together in person.
- Each present one form of valid non-expired photo identification (driver's license, passport).
- If divorced within the last 2 years, provide proof of divorce decree or dissolution/termination of a previous marriage is required. If spouse is deceased, please provide copy of death certificate.

Volunteer Deputy Marriage Commissioners will perform the ceremonies from 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. at the Norwalk office. Check the [Branch Offices](#) for their individual times. No appointments will be made for February 14; however, couples are urged to arrive early. All couples are required to check in prior to the ceremony to obtain a license.

Volunteer Deputy Marriage Commissioners

Volunteer Deputy Marriage Commissioners, especially those who speak Spanish, are needed throughout the year to perform ceremonies at the seven RR/CC office locations, particularly the Norwalk, East Los Angeles, Florence-Firestone and Lancaster branch offices.

Beginning in 1997, volunteers began performing civil wedding ceremonies at the RR/CC Headquarters in Norwalk. Now volunteers perform ceremonies in all the RR/CC office locations. Volunteers enjoy being a part of this major event in the lives of loving couples. This very successful,

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award winning volunteer program provides citizens from all walks of life the opportunity to volunteer in public service while saving taxpayers money. RR/CC staff, which once performed marriage ceremonies before the volunteer program was in place, is now able to complete more specialized tasks. Those interested in becoming a volunteer Deputy Marriage Commissioner can write to:

Portia Sanders, Manager
Public Records Division
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
P.O. Box 389
Norwalk, CA 90651-0389

For further information on obtaining a marriage license, civil marriage ceremony, or the Marriage Ceremony Volunteer Program please call the Birth, Death & Marriage Records Section of the RR/CC Norwalk Headquarters at (562) 462-2189 or one of the RR/CC branch offices.

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For Multilingual assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino or Vietnamese call (800) 481-8683

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ATTACHMENT

Catalina Branch Court	Avalon	(310) 510-0026	(Call for appointment)
9355 Burton Way, 1st Floor	Beverly Hills	(310) 288-1261	Hrs: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., M-F Closed the 3rd Wednesday of each month due to court closure.
1028 W. Avenue J2	Lancaster	(661) 945-6446	Hrs: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., M-F
11701 S. La Cienega Blvd, 6th Floor	LAX Courthouse	(310) 727-6142	Hrs: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., M-F
4716 East Cesar Chavez Avenue	East Los Angeles	(323) 260-2991	Hrs: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., M-F
7807 S. Compton Avenue	Florence-Firestone	(323) 586-6192	Hrs: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., M-F
12400 Imperial Highway	Norwalk	(562) 462-2137	Hrs: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., M-F
14340 West Sylvan Street	Van Nuys	(818) 376-3700	Hrs: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., M-F