

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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RR/CC to Issue Marriage Licenses Effective Immediately for Same-Sex Couples

Effective immediately, the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) will issue marriage licenses and perform civil marriage ceremonies for same-sex couples. Dean Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk issued the following statement on the matter:

"At 4:07 p.m., I received direction by cell phone from Attorney General Kamala Harris to begin immediately issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples based on the action taken this afternoon by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals."

For potential volume increases in civil ceremonies, the RR/CC has expanded the capacity for marriage licensing and civil marriage ceremonies, increasing the number of deputized marriage commissioners and extending days and locations available for civil marriage ceremonies at various district offices.

Our office is dedicated to customer service excellence and to providing vital services in a fair, accessible and transparent manner. We stand ready to serve Los Angeles County residents."

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To expedite the licensing process, marriage license applications can be filled out online (<u>https://marriage.lavote.net/OMLS</u>) prior to coming to an RR/CC facility to pay the fee and pick up their license. Couples are encouraged to fill out an online application and bring the confirmation page into the RR/CC, along with \$90 for a public license fee. Once a marriage license is obtained, couples can schedule an appointment for a civil marriage ceremony for \$25.

The Norwalk main office will maintain service hours on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and also on the third Thursday of the month from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

District branch offices will issue marriage licenses from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. as usual. Additionally, the following district offices will perform pre-scheduled, prepaid ceremonies not only on Fridays but on Wednesdays as well: East Los Angeles, Florence/Firestone, Lancaster, LAX Courthouse and Van Nuys. At the Beverly Hills Courthouse, pre-scheduled, pre-paid ceremonies will be performed on Wednesdays in addition to Thursdays.

The RR/CC is also partnering with the cities of West Hollywood and Long Beach to provide pre-paid, pre-scheduled civil marriage ceremonies. Couples must first obtain a marriage license and schedule a ceremony at a RR/CC office.

For more information, go to <u>https://www.lavote.net/Clerk/Marriages.cfm</u>.