



**TOM DALY**  
CLERK-RECORDER

PROPERTY RECORDS  
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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> DALY PRIVACY PROTECTION BILL SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

A second bill championed by Orange County Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly to provide critical privacy protection for property owners has been signed into law by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The bill, which restricts the use of full Social Security numbers in abstracts of judgment and other family court documents, was introduced by Sen. Lou Correa (D-Santa Ana) and sponsored by the Orange County Board of Supervisors. Daly and Correa teamed in 2007 on a similar bill to remove full Social Security numbers from most other types of recorded documents.

As a bonus, counties will save money when the bill becomes law on Jan. 1, 2010. California recorders this year began redacting the first five digits of any Social Security number from copies of documents provided to the public. The bill eliminates this expensive step because documents received for recording will show only the last four digits of an SSN.

"California has gone a long way toward protecting personal privacy in public documents and I'm proud to be part of that," Daly said. "We've been working for two years to help folks feel safer about what personal information is available in the public domain."

"A person's Social Security number is the first piece of information sought by identity thieves," Correa said. "Identity theft is a serious crime and we're serious about making it more difficult."

Both bills were endorsed by the Orange County Board of Supervisors and the County Recorders Association of California.

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department provides a variety of services in addition to recording property transactions. The office also issues marriage licenses; copies of birth, death and marriage certificates; handles passport applications, and performs civil wedding ceremonies. Fictitious Business Names and Notary Public oaths and bonds are handled by the Clerk-Recorder Department. The department oversees the Orange County Archives, a center for materials, research and education, preserving Orange County history for the public.

The department has locations in downtown Santa Ana plus two branch offices in historic downtown Fullerton and the Laguna Hills Civic Center. Parking is free at the branch offices.

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