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August Newsletter: 10,000 and counting...

Dear Alameda County Communities,

As summer winds down, I hope you've had the chance to relax and enjoy some time with family and friends. At the Office of the Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder we've been busier than ever.

Since re-opening the [Clerk-Recorder's Office](#) to the public on June 22nd, we have served over 10,000 customers in-person! And we've served thousands more through [our online portal](#). Many of you came to visit us for your [birth certificates](#) to get passports for that long postponed family trip or to enroll your child in school. Hundreds of entrepreneurs filed for [Fictitious Business Names](#) to open new businesses in the County. And once again, happy couples exchanged vows in our wedding hall.

As busy as we are, we're always striving to serve you better. So I'm pleased to update you on a couple of exciting changes at our Clerk-Recorder's Office. First, if you're looking to [get married](#) in a civil service ceremony, we just launched an online process to make it easier for you. Just [click here](#) and we'll guide you step-by-step on how to get ready for your big day! Second, we're now offering our customers convenient, discounted parking just a few feet away at the Oakland Museum of California garage.

We're also constantly adapting our services to make sure we protect your health and safety according to federal, state, and county guidelines. While we're happy to serve you in-person, we also encourage you to use our online services at acgov.org/auditor/clerk.

Don't hesitate to let us know how we can serve you better. Have a great rest of your summer!

Best,

P.S. See below for details about booking your marriage appointment online, our discounted parking program and more. [Follow me on Twitter](#) to get an early heads up on all of our latest services.



NEW: Book your Marriage Ceremony Online

*We're making it easier (and safer)
to plan your special day!*



We're so happy to welcome you back for in-person marriage ceremonies! To minimize close contact with others, all in-person marriage ceremonies are **by appointment only**. For greater flexibility, you can reserve an appointment up to four (4) weeks in advance through [our online system](#). Fridays tend to fill up quickly, so try to plan in advance if you're aiming to tie the knot on a Friday.

Make sure to bring a valid marriage license with you:

- Your marriage license may be issued by any county in California.
- Your ceremony must be performed within 90 days of when the license was issued.

Plan ahead to help us create a beautiful day!

If you need our help obtaining a marriage license, please plan to **arrive 1-2 hours prior** to your ceremony appointment time. Same day licenses require a little extra care, and your early arrival will help us make sure everything is in order before the ceremony. [Click here](#) for important information on what you will need to obtain a marriage license.

The FEES for marriage license services are as follows:

\$81.00 - PUBLIC MARRIAGE LICENSE

\$90.00 - CONFIDENTIAL MARRIAGE LICENSE

\$75.00 - MARRIAGE CEREMONY

\$17.00 - EACH CERTIFIED COPY OF THE MARRIAGE RECORD

Please note the fees above. **We accept cash, checks, and debit cards. Unfortunately, we do not accept credit cards at this time.**

Once you obtain your appointment, please plan ahead:

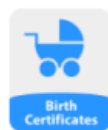
- To minimize crowds, only the wedding couple and a **maximum of 8 guests** will be permitted inside for the ceremony at this time.
- Arrive at least **20 minutes prior** to your appointment to allow time to check in. (Arrive **1-2 hours earlier** if you need a marriage license.)
- Everyone in your wedding party **must be present** at the appointed time in order to attend the ceremony. If the ceremony is delayed, you may lose your reservation and would need to reschedule.

Save time & Order online!

Why wait *in line* when you can get what you need *online*?! If you're looking for a birth, death, or marriage certificate, or copy of an official record you can order these documents from the comfort of your home. **Just click here** to view and access these online services at your convenience!

Once you've submitted an order, you can check the status of your request at any time online. You can select to have the document mailed to you or ready for your pick-up at our Office.

Ordering Copies of Alameda County Vital Records



Birth
Certificates



Marriage
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[Click here for birth certificates](#)

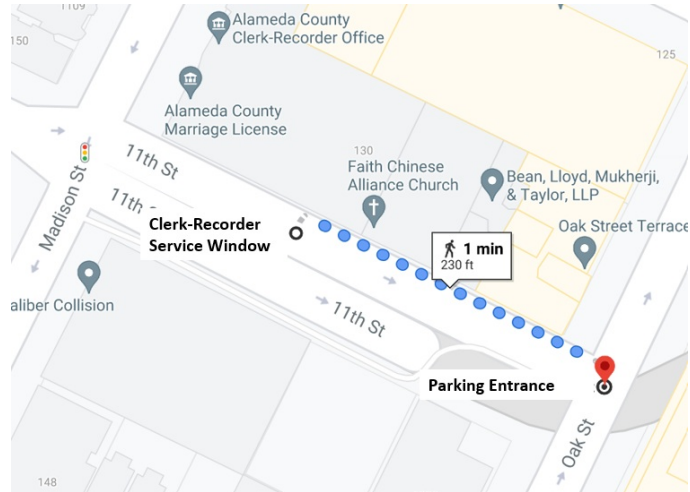
[Click here for marriage certificates](#)

[Click here for death certificates](#)

Select our pick-up option and we can turn around your order in 1-2 business days. It's just that easy! [Click here](#) to get started.

[Click here to search or order official records](#)

Now offering: Discounted Parking for Clerk-Recorder Customers



Wondering where to park when you visit the Clerk-Recorder's Office? Don't worry, we've partnered with our neighbor at the Oakland Museum of California to provide you with discounted parking right across the street!

The museum normally charges a minimum of \$5 for every hour and \$5 for any minute over the hour. With our validation, Clerk-Recorder customers will get a discounted rate charging only up to the next 15 minutes. For example, 30 minutes of parking at the Oakland Museum with our validation will only cost you \$2.50 instead of \$5.

To park at the museum, enter their garage on Oak Street. Park on the lower level in a non-museum space. When you come to the Clerk-Recorder service window on 11th Street, get a validation sticker for your parking ticket.

You've got enough on your mind, so why worry about where to park? Parking at the museum is close, convenient, and we'll give you a discounted rate. No fuss, no muss!

Board of Supervisors Special Meeting: *Community invited to participate on Aug 17th*

The background of the top section is a photograph of the Alameda County Capitol building, a large white neoclassical structure with a prominent dome and a portico with columns. An American flag is visible on a pole in front of the building.

**SPECIAL ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING:**

*Community Listening Session on the
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has called a special meeting for this **coming Tuesday, August 17th at 10am** on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and funding requests. The meeting will be held via Zoom to provide interested parties an opportunity to present their specific allocation proposals.

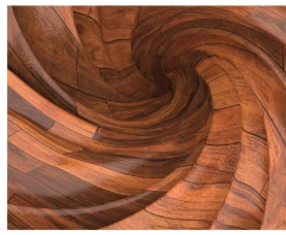
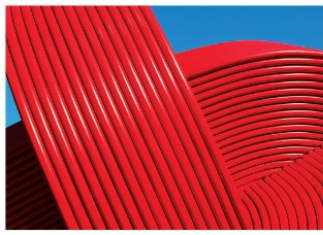
Login information will be posted on <https://bos.acgov.org/broadcast/> by Monday, August 16th at 10am.

To ensure that group asks are fully understood, the Board requests that one representative of each coalition/affiliation/association/partnership be identified to present your allocation proposal. Each representative will have 8 minutes to speak on behalf of their group. **Please use [this form](#) to indicate who your representative will be.** If your group would like to share slides at the meeting, a copy needs to be emailed to Supervisor Carson's office no later than 5pm on Friday, August 13, 2021 to Amy.Shrago@acgov.org.

Others wishing to speak in support of a group's proposal will be given the opportunity to raise their hand after their representative speaks. They will have 1 minute to add their voice and will need to indicate which group their speaking on behalf of.

Those who are not representing a group or speaking in support of a group can utilize the regular Public Comment process to comment.

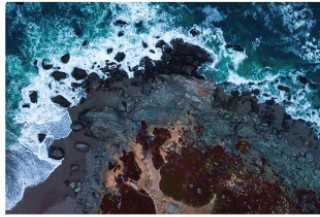
Please note that this meeting will be a listening session only. The Board will not be making any allocation decisions until a later date.



ALAMEDA COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

PUBLIC ART CALL FOR ARTISTS

Application Deadline:
Wednesday, September 15, 2021



For more information visit: www.acgov.org/arts

Don't Miss this Opportunity, Apply Today!

Deadline: Wednesday, September 15, 2021

The Alameda County Arts Commission invites visual artists to submit an application to the new **Alameda County Artist Registry**, a prequalified list of artists that will be used for upcoming public art opportunities managed by the Alameda County Arts Commission. Artists interested in being considered for public art opportunities with the Alameda County Arts Commission during the next 3-4 years should apply. Artists who were accepted into a previous Artist Registry with the County must reapply in order to be considered for public art projects with Alameda County.

Application Information

- **Review the full application** for complete eligibility requirements.
- Applications for the Artist Registry must be submitted online through the **CaFÉ™ website**.
- Applications must be completed online by **Wednesday, September 15, 2021** (10:59pm Pacific Time). Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

New to Public Art? *We're here to help!*

Bring your questions to an informal meeting with the Arts Commission Staff!

- **Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 10:00am**

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96575594911>

Join by phone: +1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 965 7559 4911. Passcode: 883353

Questions & Contact Information

For questions regarding this opportunity, please contact the Office of the Alameda County Arts Commission by **email** or by phone (510) 208-9646.

Aug 31st Election: Don't Forget to Vote!

Assembly District 18: Cities of Alameda, San Leandro, most of Oakland



On August 31st, voters in Assembly District 18 (AD-18) will head to the polls to elect their next Assembly member in a special election. AD-18 was vacated by the Hon. Rob Bonta, who was recently appointed and confirmed as California's State Attorney General.

AD-18 is comprised of Alameda, San Leandro, and most of Oakland. In the preceding June 29th election, **only 21%** of registered voters in AD-18 decided who would represent them in the State Assembly.

If you live in this district, here are **key dates** to keep in mind:

- August 16th: Deadline to [register for this election](#).
- August 24th: Last day to [request a vote-by-mail ballot](#).
- August 31st: Last day to vote in this election.

If you are registered to vote, find [your polling location here](#). If you have your ballot and want to **drop it off early**, [here are the ballot drop-off centers](#).

[Click here](#) for more information about the upcoming AD-18 election, including registering to vote, polling locations, and more information about the candidates.



Join our team and make a difference!

Are you looking for a challenging career in government, where you can apply your knowledge to a variety of departments while serving your community?

If you answered yes, the Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder is currently seeking applicants for its Internship Program which is the perfect opportunity for you to start your career in a collaborative environment while gaining hands-on experience. Our departments offer a wide range of job assignments, ranging from conducting audits of County programs to working with local artists and programming the latest technologies.

Part-time and full-time positions are available. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Email us](#) your resume with a cover letter telling us about your experience and why you are interested in working at the Alameda County Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder Agency.

Community Spotlight: Raising Leaders, Hayward



Hayward Program Paves Future for Young Leaders

For the past eight weeks, the Office of the Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder was privileged to host young leaders in the ***Raising Leaders*** youth internship program. *Raising Leaders* is a workshop and internship experience created by the Hayward Adult School to give At-Promise youth an opportunity to hear from leaders within our community and gain hands-on, paid work experience.

Raising Leaders affords these young, aspiring leaders the academic support to earn their GEDs while also gaining hands-on work experience through paid internships. Participants also engage in weekly workshops led by city and county elected officials and department directors to learn about career pathways and workforce skills.

In the latest class, students interned in government agencies in the City of Hayward and Alameda County, including at the Office of the Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder. As a parting gift to our most recent *Raising Leaders* cohort, **Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder Melissa Wilk partnered with County Assessor Phong La to provide more than 60 laptops to the entire internship class.** This donation was made possible by the generous support of an anonymous donor.

We want to thank the Hayward Unified School District, Hayward Adult School, Alameda County Office of the Assessor, Alameda County Probation Department, and Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle for their partnership in this extraordinary program. We also want to congratulate the *Raising Leaders* staff led by Ms. Davida Scott, who has changed the lives of hundreds of our most vulnerable young adults in Alameda County.

We are honored to have hosted these amazing and determined young leaders, and look forward to hosting many more *Raising Leaders* interns in the years to come.

To learn more about Raising Leaders watch their informational video [here](#).

STAY IN TOUCH

Keep up-to-date on important information from the Office of the Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder by following Melissa on Twitter ([@MelissaWilkACCR](#)).

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