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LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

TO BEGIN ISSUING MARRIAGE LICENSES TO SAME-SEX

COUPLES ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008

Acting Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan announced today that his office will begin 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.

“We look forward to providing quality and respectful service to all of our customers and we have implemented plans to ensure that every qualified couple seeking a marriage license or ceremony is provided that opportunity,” Logan said.

Logan also announced that he will issue the first same sex marriage license in Los Angeles County to Robin Tyler and Diane Olson, plaintiffs in the original lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles. Tyler and Olson originally sought a marriage license at the RR/CC District Office in Beverly Hills on Valentine’s Day in 2004 and were denied a license under the state law that the California Supreme Court found unconstitutional. “In recognition of their unique role in the Court’s decision, we are honoring this request and will issue a license to Ms. Tyler and Ms. Olson on Monday, June 16 at 5:01 PM at our district office in Beverly Hills,” said Logan. Similar arrangements have been made in San Francisco for another couple who were also parties to the original lawsuit. The Supreme Court’s decision officially becomes final at 5:00 pm. No other licenses will be issued until June 17 at 8 AM.

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. District offices will maintain their regular business hours, but ceremonies will be available daily at all locations.

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.

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 <http://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.

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.

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