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**ALAMEDA COUNTY MAKES PLANS FOR ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN
MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND WEDDINGS**

The Alameda County Clerk-Recorder's Office is planning for an anticipated increase in marriage license applications and wedding ceremonies at its Oakland offices beginning at 5:01 p.m. on Monday, June 16, when new California law is scheduled to take effect allowing same-sex marriages.

In order to respond to this anticipated increase in activity, Clerk-Recorder Patrick O'Connell says his office will offer extended hours, from 5:01 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Monday June 16. The Clerk-Recorder's Office is located at 1106 Madison Street, Oakland.

O'Connell encourages interested parties to schedule appointments for marriage ceremonies the week of June 16. Appointments can be made by calling (510) 272-6362 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please allow at least 30 minutes for issuance of a marriage license prior to the scheduled appointment.

The Clerk-Recorder's Office includes a specially furnished Wedding Room where weddings are performed by staff and volunteer wedding commissioners.

The advance planning is in response to a ruling by the California Supreme Court on May 15 that overturned laws prohibiting same-sex marriages.