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## ALAMEDA COUNTY WILL OFFER VALENTINE'S DAY WEDDINGS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

(Oakland, CA) – The Alameda County Clerk-Recorder's Office is pleased to announce that its offices at 1106 Madison Street will be open on Valentine's Day – Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., exclusively to serve couples who want to have their wedding ceremonies in the County's specially furnished Wedding Room.

"Valentine's Day is always a busy day at the Clerk-Recorder's office due to the many couples who wish to have weddings on this special day celebrating love and romance," said Steve Manning, Alameda County Auditor Controller/Clerk-Recorder. "We are offering special Sunday hours this year so that we can accommodate those couples who want their anniversary to fall on Valentine's Day."

Couples wishing to have their wedding ceremonies on February 14<sup>th</sup> must obtain their marriage license by Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> AND must pre-pay their fee for their ceremony. Pre-payment can be done only at the Clerk-Recorder's Offices at 1106 Madison Street, Oakland.

Ceremonies are \$75 and appointments must be made when the couple comes in to pre-pay for their ceremony; there will be no "walk in" service on Sunday, February  $14^{th}$ . Most weddings will be performed in the Wedding Room on the  $2^{nd}$  floor of the Clerk-Recorder's Office, though other rooms may be used if there is high volume. Appointments for the Wedding Room will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Each appointment will last approximately 20 minutes.

Couples will receive a souvenir marriage certificate on February 14<sup>th</sup>. However, the official certified copy of their certificate will be mailed to them the following week.