



Notice to Homeowners

Grant Deed Copy Scam

Many home owners are receiving official-looking letters as though they are from the County or a mortgage lender urging them to request an “official” copy of their Grant Deed in order to prevent foreclosure, prove that they own their home, and to be in compliance. **The catch:** you have to pay as much as \$200 for the copies. The actual fee for a certified copy of a document from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder / County Clerk is \$6 for the first page and \$3 for each additional page per document.

THE FACTS

- You can obtain a copy of your Grant Deed directly from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. No third party assistance is needed.
- The County Registrar-Recorder mails the original Grant Deed document to the homeowner after it is recorded. Therefore, you should already have your original Grant Deed.
- If you have the original Grant Deed in your possession there is no need to purchase a copy. The original is a legally binding document that can be used for your business transactions.

The following are common reasons why you would need a copy of your Grant Deed:

- Lost or misplaced the original recorded Grant Deed;
- Selling or Refinancing the property
- If you need a legal description of your property

If you believe or suspect that fraudulent activity has occurred on your property:

- Call the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs at: (800) 973-3370. You can listen to recorded information on a variety of real estate topics 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Counseling staff is also available to answer your questions during normal business hours.
- Write the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs at: Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs Real Estate Fraud and Information Program, 500 West Temple Street, Room B-96, Los Angeles, California 90012
- Visit the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs online at <http://dca.lacounty.gov/>

HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF YOUR GRANT DEED

1. Visit, www.lavote.net (click the Recorder Operations tab, then the Real Estate Records tab),
or
2. Make your request via Fax at (562) 864-1250,
or
3. Call or visit any of the Registrar/Recorder/County Clerk offices below:

NORWALK

12400 Imperial Highway, Room 2207
Norwalk, CA 90650
Phone: (562) 462- 2133

LAX AIRPORT

11701 South La Cienega Blvd., 6th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Phone: (310) 727-6142

VAN NUYS

14340 West Sylvan Street
Van Nuys, CA 91401
Phone: (818) 376-3777

PAYMENT OPTIONS

In-person request can be made by cash, check, money order or one of the following debit/credit cards: MasterCard, American Express or Discover Card.

Web or FAX request can be made by using one of the following credit cards: MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover Card.

Mail request can be made by check or money order payable to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.