

Remote Online Notary - Overview

Remote Online Notarization (RON) of recordable documents will be key to allowing for the flow of safe real estate transactions in the SIP environment and beyond. The platforms, security and safety RON's provide for our homeowners and homebuyers all exist through the technology being employed today. Currently there are 23 states in the US that allow for RON documents to be recorded, and recently the CA Secretary of State acknowledged the validity and necessity of the RON process given the SIP orders.

Action Needed

Call your local state assemblymember and state senator and say the following:

"Hello my name is _____ and I am a real estate professional who works/lives in your district. I'm calling to ask you for help with getting the county recorder to accept Remote Online Notarized documents (aka RON's). I work with buyers and sellers who need documents notarized and recorded but cannot leave their homes due to Shelter In Place, and cannot have a stranger enter their homes to notarize documents. Most notaries do not have the CDC recommended PPE to provide this service safely. Not having RON documents approved for recording right now is unnecessarily putting the lives of homeowners, homebuyers, and notaries at risk. The technology exists to provide this service today and is currently being used in 23 other states. For the county recorders office not to accept these documents for recording is irresponsible.

CA Assembly Bill CA 199 was introduced by Assemblymember Calderon on January 10, 2019 but the bill has stalled. I'm asking you to reach out to Governor Newsom on behalf of the people I represent and ask him to tell the county recorders to accept these documents for recording. Twenty-Three states currently approve RON documents and more than a dozen of those states have approved RON's through Executive Order.

On March 26, 2020 the CA Secretary of State Alex Padilla commented about the necessity of RON's and both the validity and legitimacy of RON documents for CA residents. We now know this risk will have a much longer impact on California Real Estate than initially thought and I'm urging you to act now. **We need the county recorders office to allow for recording of these legally notarized documents NOW for the safety of our community.**"

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