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Advancements in Timeliness

A century ago documents were submitted for recording primarily in person and only a few by mail. The recording process included large leather-bound books, ink and quills - along with a healthy dose of document, process and property knowledge. Luckily, document recording volume matched the process and everyone's expectations.

As property started changing hands more frequently, as the sheer parcel count within a county grew exponentially and as the number of participants in land transactions expanded - public expectations with regards to **TIME** changed as well. In response, the recording process evolved over the next several decades to include a wide range of often fast-moving technology. The result was a far better official public record with increased integrity and with a focus on the recordation of the document in a timely manner, while getting the document returned to the appropriate destination as quickly as possible.

Two decades ago the process met its greatest challenge. As document volume surged beyond all previous expectations, document recording was measured in weeks and, in worst case scenarios, document return was measured in months.

Again, the County Recording community responded with major improvements in the process and in technology.

Today - the important component of **TIME** is now measured in hours, if not minutes, for both document recording and document return.

This significant achievement reflects the commitment of the County Recording community to keep ahead of public expectations and, most importantly, today's processes are well positioned to handle future increases in document volume.

The benefit is significant - the public can count on getting their documents recorded in a timely manner to best protect their investment, and documents are quickly returned to their destinations.

Access the [PRIAwareness Tools](#) available for Recordors and their business

partners wishing to educate the public on the importance and the role of the Recorder's Office.

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