



MISSION TIMES COURIER

Congratulations to all the winners!

Every year, we ask our loyal readers to nominate their favorite restaurants, entertainment venues, boutique shops, vets, hair stylists, law offices and any other kind of business or professional they frequent for our Best of Mission Times Courier special section.

With so many businesses to choose from around the area, it may seem a little daunting to decide which ones stand out. Thanks to our loyal readers, you came through once again, identifying which businesses you find to be the best in their respective industries. This special issue highlights the businesses you think deserve the most recognition and continued support.

We encourage our readers to hang on to this Best of Mission Times Courier special section throughout the year as a handy guide for the next time you're

looking for an optometrist, a dry cleaner, a doctor, an Italian dinner, a brew pub or even coffee with friends.

And if by chance your favorite establishments were left out this year, we encourage you to keep your eye out for next year's ballots, which will be published in our newspapers and available to fill out at bestofmission.voterfly.com.

After all, competition is part of the fun. We here at the Mission Times Courier congratulate the winners on a job well done, but also acknowledge all local businesses who are working through what can be challenging times and wish them all the best of luck in the coming years!





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Congratulations to these businesses who were chosen by the readers of the Mission Times Courier.
The business categories were published in ballot form over a period of 4 weeks. Readers were asked to cast ballots for their favorite choices. With more than 110 categories, our readers came through with overwhelming response. We wish to thank all the readers who took the time to recognize these local businesses. *Editor’s note: Factual descriptions for sponsored guides were compiled with the help of artificial intelligence and checked for accuracy by an editor. Photos by Paul Welsh*

BEST AHI San Diego Poke Co.	BEST DINNER Mona’s Italian Restaurant	BEST PIZZA - Mona’s Italian Restaurant - Filippi’s Pizza Grotto	BEST BIKE SHOP - Pedal Pushing Bicycle Shop - Trek	BEST FLORIST - The SD Flower Shop - Precious Petals	BEST PET BOARDING/DAY CARE - Canines Unleashed Inc. - The Purring Parrot
BEST AMERICAN - The Duke - Brothers Family Restaurant - Camel’s Bar and Grill	BEST DONUTS Heavenly Donuts	BEST SANDWICH Cheers Deli & Liquor	BEST BOUTIQUE - Artifacts & Artichokes - Bazaar Del Mundo	BEST FURNITURE Eco Mod Furniture	BEST PET GROOMER - Suds N Pups Dog Grooming & Wash - Priscilla’s Grooming
BEST APPETIZER - The Duke - Camel’s Bar and Grill	BEST FINE DINING Anthony’s Fish Grotto	BEST SEAFOOD Anthony’s Fish Grotto	BEST CAR WASH Soapy Joe’s	BEST GIFT SHOP - Artifacts & Artichokes - TC’s Rockets – Comics & Toys	BEST PHARMACY Provision Pharmacy
BEST BAKERY - cupCAKES a la Yola - Maya’s Cookies	BEST FISH TACO - Cotijas Taco Shop - Crack Taco Shop	BEST SPORTS BAR - McGregor’s Ale House - The Duke	BEST CASINO - Sycuan Casino Resort - Jamul Casino	BEST GYM - Vertica Fitness San Diego - TruSelf Sporting Club - Earned Fitness SD	BEST PHOTOGRAPHER - Brent Haywood Photography - Natalie Chiles Photography
BEST BAR - The Duke - Pal Joey’s	BEST GREEK - Troy’s Greek Restaurant - Tak Grill Fresh Mediterranean Food	BEST STEAK - Bully’s East Prime Bistro Sports Bar - West Coast Smoke and Tap House	BEST CHIROPRACTOR - Dorris Chiropractic - EJ Chiropractic	BEST HAIR SALON - Robert’s Salon - Pizazz! Hair and Nail Salon	BEST PHYSICAL THERAPIST/REHAB - Longevity Physical Therapy - La Mesa Rehab
BEST BBQ - West Coast Smoke and Tap House - Pioneer BBQ	BEST HAPPY HOUR The Duke	BEST SUNDAY BRUNCH Troy’s Greek Restaurant	BEST COMPUTER REPAIR - SD Bytes Computer Repair - Derrell’s Computer Repair Services	BEST HARDWARE STORE - Dixieline Lumber - San Carlos Hardware	BEST PILATES - Viva Pilates Studio - Beyond Pilates Studio – Del Cerro - Pure Power PILATES + Fitness
BEST BEER SELECTION - McGregor’s Ale House - West Coast Smoke and Tap House	BEST ICE CREAM/FROZEN YOGURT - Fosters Freeze - Yog-Art Frozen Yogurt	BEST SUSHI - Osaka Japanese Food & Sushi - Sushi Diner 2	BEST CONSIGNMENT RESALE - Looks Better On Me - Baby Go Round	BEST HEALTH FOOD STORE Windmill Farms Market	BEST PLUMBER - Affordable Plumbing Company - Forthright Plumbing Pros, Inc.
BEST BREAKFAST - Brothers Family Restaurant - Patty’s Cafe	BEST INDIAN Himalayan Curry & Grill	BEST THAI - The Corner Thai Kitchen - Basil Thai	BEST CONTRACTOR / CONSTRUCTION - Allied Contracting - JJH Construction - D & L Builders	BEST HOSPITAL - UC San Diego Health East Campus - Sharp	BEST POOL SERVICE - Blue Tide Swimming Pool Service & Repair - Majestic Pool Care
BEST BREWERY - Good Pressure Brewing Co. - San Diego Brewing Co.	BEST IRISH PUB - Hooley’s Irish Pub - McGregor’s Ale House	BEST VEGETARIAN Himalayan Curry & Grill	BEST COSMETIC - Pizazz! Hair and Nail Salon - Robert’s Salon	BEST INSURANCE BROKER - Farmers Insurance – Leonard Agosta - American Tri-Star Insurance San Diego	BEST REAL ESTATE AGENT - Jeff Rosa, Realtor - Michael Willis - Sarah Ward, Realtor
BEST BRUNCH The Trails Eatery	BEST ITALIAN - Mona’s Italian Restaurant - Filippi’s Pizza Grotto - Rosati’s Pizza Pub and Sports Bar	BEST WINGS - KnB Bistro & Bottle Shop - The Duke	BEST CREDIT UNION - San Diego County Credit Union - Mission Federal Credit Union	BEST JEWELRY - Enhancery Jewelers - San Carlos Jewelers	BEST REAL ESTATE OFFICE - Market Real Estate - Fine & Coastal Real Estate
BEST BURGER The Duke	BEST JAPANESE Osaka Japanese Food & Sushi	BEST ACCOUNTANT - Best Team Tax & Financial, Inc. - SD Tax Inc.	BEST DENTIST - Mission Trails Dentistry - Stephan Barrington, DDS - H Kheradmand DDS	BEST LOCKSMITH 7 Day Locksmith - Noble Locksmith	BEST RETIREMENT LIVING - La Vida Real - The Montera
BEST BURRITO - Cotijas Taco Shop - El Rodeo Taco Shop & Grill	BEST JUICE BAR Pure Press Juice Bar	BEST ACUPUNCTURE - SimplyStrong Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine - We Love Acupuncture	BEST DERMATOLOGIST - Dermatology & Laser Center of San Diego - Ginsberg Dermatology	BEST MANICURE/PEDICURE - Pizazz! Hair and Nail Salon - Del Cerro Nail Lounge	BEST SUPPLEMENT STORE Keil’s Fresh Food Store
BEST CAFE - Honey Haven Coffee Bar - Brothers Family Restaurant	BEST MARGARITA - Casa de Pico - Emiliano’s Mexican Restaurant	BEST ART GALLERY - Del Cerro Gallery - Bazaar Del Mundo	BEST ATTORNEY - San Diego Elder Law Center - Law Office of Warren B. Treisman, ALC	BEST MARTIAL ARTS - Allied Gardens Tang Soo Do Karate Academy - Mac Tae Kwon Do	BEST TUTORING - Mathnasium - Little Fish Comic Book Studio - Little Artists
BEST CASUAL DINING - The Duke - Troy’s Greek Restaurant	BEST MARTINI - Camel’s Bar and Grill - Pal Joey’s	BEST AUTO DEALER - DHC Honda of Mission Valley - Norm Reeves Toyota	BEST DOCTOR - Dr. Michlin MD - Dr. Jillion Harris	BEST MESSAGE - Waring Massage Spa - Pizazz! Hair and Nail Salon - Pure Power PILATES + Fitness	BEST VETERINARIAN - Mission Valley Pet Clinic - Tell Tail Veterinary Urgent Care
BEST CHINESE - Hi Dumplings - Saigon Star Restaurant	BEST MEXICAN - Casa de Pico - Emiliano’s Mexican Restaurant	BEST AUTO REPAIR - John’s Automotive - SD Auto Service	BEST DRY CLEANER - Primo Alterations & Dry Cleaning - Clearwater Cleaners	BEST NEW BUSINESS Viva Pilates Studio	BEST WAXING/THREADING - Reina Eyebrows & Facial Threading - Pizazz! Hair and Nail Salon
BEST COFFEE SHOP - The Simple Coffee Shop - Honey Haven Coffee Bar	BEST PATIO DINING Anthony’s Fish Grotto	BEST BANK - Mission Federal Credit Union - Homestreet Bank	BEST ELECTRICIAN Ideal Plumbing, Heating & Air	BEST OPTOMETRIST - Allied Gardens Optometry - Lake Murray Optometric Center	BEST YOGA STUDIO - Hapa Yoga - TruSelf Sporting Club
BEST DELI - Cheers Deli & Liquor - Cali Boys Deli	BEST PET FRIENDLY Anthony’s Fish Grotto	BEST BARBER - AJ Pros Barber Shop - Allied Gardens Barber Shop	BEST FINANCIAL PLANNER Mission Trails Financial	BEST PERSONAL TRAINER - Viva Pilates Studio - Pure Power PILATES + Fitness - Platinum Fitness	

GOLD WINNER LISTINGS

Best Ahi
San Diego Poke Co.

The beloved, decades-long poke restaurant is now permanently closed.
10387 Friars Rd, San Diego
619-584-4786

Best American
The Duke

The Duke Cocktails & Grub offers a selection of all-American food: burgers, sandwiches and ice-cold drinks. They service private parties and group events by reservation online.
6519 Mission Gorge Rd, San Diego
(619) 283-0831 | thedukesd.com

Best Appetizer
The Duke
(See listing under Best American)

Best Bakery
cupCAKES a la Yola

Since 2015, cupCAKES a la Yola has served cakes and cupcakes of the richest quality. Perfect for any event, catering reservations of up to 2,000 cupcakes can be made online.
6850 Mission Gorge Rd, San Diego
(619) 708-5088 | cupcakesalayola.com

Best Bar
The Duke
(See listing under Best American)

Best BBQ
West Coast Smoke and Tap House

Great smoked food, a selection of on-tap beers – West Coast Smoke and Tap House is the spot to watch a Padres game or just hang out.
6126 Lake Murray Blvd, La Mesa
(619) 462-3660
westcoastsmokeandtaphouse.com

Best Beer Selection
McGregor's Ale House

McGregor's is the spot for a good pint and a good time, housing a list of specials during the Padres' season.
10475 San Diego Mission Rd, San Diego
(619) 282-9797 | mcgregorssandiego.com

Best Breakfast
Brothers Family Restaurant

Since 1994, Brothers Family Restaurant has offered a full-range of breakfast eggs and sides – all until 2 p.m. every day. Make sure to save room for homemade dessert pies!
5150 Waring Rd, San Diego
(619) 287-0880 | brothersalliedgardens.com

Best Brewery
Good Pressure Brewing Co.

If you're looking for community and craft beers, you've come to the right place at Good Pressure Brewing Co. Here, you can try IPAs, ale and rotating seasonal seltzers.
7559 Mission Gorge Rd, San Diego
(619) 310-6608 | goodpressurebrewing.com

Best Brunch
The Trails Eatery

This featured eatery offers vintage breakfast, lunch and drinks with a side of hospitality.
7389 Jackson Dr, San Diego
(619) 667-2233 | thetrailseatery.com

Best Burger
The Duke
(See listing under Best American)

Best Burrito
Cotijas Taco Shop

Bringing Mexican street food style to San Diego, Cotijas Taco Shop offers bold flavors in their tacos, burritos and bowls. Download their app to have food right at your doorstep.
13350 Camino Del Sur, San Diego
(858) 799-0306
2295 Market St, San Diego
(619) 514-1943 | cotijastacoshopca.com

Best Cafe
Honey Haven Coffee Bar

Honey Haven Coffee Bar prepares handcrafted coffees with signature flavors - perfect for a morning or midday boost. Join their Birthday Club for a surprise on your special day!
7287 Navajo Rd, San Diego
(619) 456-0150 | honeyhavencoffeebar.com

Best Casual Dining
The Duke
(See listing under Best American)

Best Chinese
Hi! Dumplings

Fresh noodles, hot soups and authentic Chinese cuisine are prepared at Hi! Dumplings, bringing taste and culture to your taste buds.
618 Mission Gorge Rd, San Diego
(619) 788-9995 | hidumplings2023.com

Best Coffee Shop
The Simple Coffee Shop

This shop is an ambient stop for a coffee, snack and a calm reset.
7407 Jackson Dr, San Diego
(619) 888-4873

Best Deli
Cheers Deli & Liquor

Hot and cold, California and New York – Cheers Deli & Liquor knows how to combine the best of the best in their fresh-cut sandwiches. Top it off with a premium spirit while you're at it.
6983 Navajo Rd, San Diego
(619) 463-9991 | goldencheers.com

Best Desserts
cupCAKES a la Yola

(See listing under Best Bakery)

Best Dinner
Mona's Italian Restaurant

Mona's provides authentic, home-style Italian food in an atmospheric dining experience. You'll be Italian after a savory meal there.
5156 Waring Rd, San Diego
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Best Donuts

Heavenly Donuts

In the Allied Gardens/Del Cerro area, Heavenly Donuts are frosted and fresh, not to mention reasonably priced!

5132 Waring Rd, San Diego
(619) 286-1997 | heavenlydonut.com

Best Fine Dining

Anthony's Fish Grotto

Founded on "Mama" Ghio's secret recipes, Anthony's celebrates 80 years of fond memories over iconic seafood favorites.

9530 Murray Dr, La Mesa
(619) 463-0368 | anthonysfishgrotto.com

Best Fish Taco

Cotijas Taco Shop

(See listing under Best Burrito)

Best Greek

Troy's Greek Restaurant

Greek favorites like spanakopita, gyros and moussaka are served fresh at Troy's, a decades-long treasure in the Navajo area.

10450 Friars Rd T, San Diego
(619) 281-7741 | troysgreek.com

Best Happy Hour

The Duke

(See listing under Best American)

Best Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt

Foster's Freeze

Foster's Freeze is known for its old-fashioned burgers and soft serve ice cream, supplying an oldie but a goodie to the community for over 58 years.

5129 Waring Rd, San Diego
(619) 583-4684 | fostersfreeze.com

Best Indian

Himalayan Curry & Grill

The Indian home-style restaurant offers traditional favorites and all are welcome at the all-you-can-eat, discounted lunch buffet from Monday to Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

10330 Friars Rd. #104 & 105, San Diego
(619) 280-4048
himalayancurryandgrill.com

Best Irish Pub

Hooley's Irish Pub

Irish Pub Culture teleports to San Diego at Hooley's with pints and food that'll make you stay a while.

2955 Jamacha Rd Suite 21A, El Cajon
(619) 670-7468 | hooleys.com

Best Italian

Mona's Italian Restaurant

(See listing under Best Dinner)

Best Japanese

Osaka Japanese Food & Sushi

Flavors and friendly service combine to create the best dining experience at Osaka Japanese Food & Sushi. Rolls, bento boxes and quality vegetable dishes are just some items found at this family-owned restaurant.

4242 Camino Del Rio N, San Diego
(619) 283-6844 | osakajapanesefoodsushi.shop

Best Juice Bar

Pure Press Juice Bar

Whether you're in the mood for a sweet treat or a post-workout reward, Pure Press is here for you with natural and filling smoothies.

7283 Navajo Rd, San Diego
(619) 569-5255 | purepressjuicebar.com

Best Lunch

Troy's Greek Restaurant

(See listing under Best Greek)

Best Margarita

Casa de Pico

Casa de Pico is an award-winning Mexican restaurant in Grossmont, with vibrant decorations and flavorful dishes. They deserve a visit just for their homemade flour tortillas and atmosphere.

5500 Grossmont Center Dr
(619) 463-3267 | casadepico.com

Best Martini

Camel's Bar and Grill

Camel's Bar and Grill hosts live bands on Saturdays to complement a sharp collection of beers, wines and cocktails. Come in for a dirty martini and some chicken sliders.

10330 Friars Rd #106, San Diego
(619) 281-1722 | camelsbarandgrill.com

Best Mexican

Casa de Pico

(See listing under Best Margarita)

Best Patio Dining

Anthony's Fish Grotto

A family-owned East County premier spot known for its large selection of fresh seafood dishes, well-priced wine and popular pre-made party seafood platters perfect for any occasion or holiday.

9530 Murray Dr, La Mesa
(619) 463-0368 | anthonysfishgrotto.com

Best Pet Friendly

Anthony's Fish Grotto

(See listing under Best Patio Dining)

Best Pho

Pho Express

Everything you would expect from a Viet-

namese restaurant: Noodle dishes to sandwiches and your favorite pho.

6533 Mission Gorge, San Diego
(619) 284-3268 | sdphoxpress.com

Best Pizza

Mona's Italian Restaurant

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5156 Waring Rd, San Diego
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Best Sandwich

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Highest quality sandwiches and salads with meats and cheese freshly cut right before your eyes bringing New York style to California.

6893 Navajo Rd, San Diego
(619) 463-9991 | goldnenceers.com

Best Seafood

Anthony's Fish Grotto

(See listing under Best Patio Dining)

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(619) 282-9797 | mcgregorssandiego.com

Best Steak

Bully's East Prime
Bistro Sports Bar

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2401 Camino Del Rio S, San Diego
(619) 291-2665 | bullyseastsd.com

Best Sunday Brunch

Troy's Greek Restaurant

A local favorite of the Navajo area for decades, the family-owned and operated classic Greek spot features staples like gyros, souvlaki and spanakopita perfect for casual meals and special occasions.
10450 Friars Rd, San Diego
(619) 281-7741 | troysgreek.com

Best Sushi

Osaka Japanese Food & Sushi

An authentic dining experience with high quality ingredients and skilled Sushi chefs providing a cozy atmosphere perfect for any occasion.
4242 Camino Del Rio N, San Diego
(619) 283-6844 | osakajapanesefoodsushi.shop

Best Thai

The Corner Thai Kitchen

Sisters Arleen and Aroy Pudwong bring a piece of Thailand to the table with dishes inspired by their family recipes showcasing authentic Thai street food for an affordable price.
10450 Friars Road, San Diego
(619) 269-9777 | cornerthaikitchen-sd.com

Best Vegetarian

Himalayan Curry & Grill

Indian Nepalese fine dining that offers special events and catering options with every plate becoming a cultural journey.
10330 Friars Rd, San Diego
(619) 280-4048 | himalayancurryandgrill.com

Best Wings

KnB Bistro & Bottle Shop

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6380 Del Cerro Blvd, San Diego
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7434 Jackson Drive #A
(619) 790-6010 | simplystrongmedicine.com

Best Art Gallery Del Cerro Gallery

For 31 years, Del Cerro Gallery has merged a healthcare office and art gallery to give local artists a chance to display and sell their work with new work exhibited every three months.

6398 Del Cerro Blvd, San Diego
(619) 286-8238

Best Attorney San Diego Elder Law Center

With decades of experience, San Diego Elder Law Center is recognized for their compassionate expert guidance in elder law and long-term care solutions to help families navigate complex and difficult matters.

7880 Golfcrest Drive, San Diego
(619) 235-4357 | sandiegolderlaw.com

Best Auto Dealer DCH Honda of Mission Valley

Committed to helping you find the right vehicle whether new or used, DCH Honda of Mission Valley is dedicated to helping you maintain your vehicle and keep hard-earned money in your pocket.

5812 Mission Gorge Rd, San Diego
(619) 717-8658 | dchhondaofmissionvalley.com

Best Auto Repair John's Automotive

John Eppstein cherishes his auto repair shop and the customers he serves. Built on the principles, determination and heart, he is committed to maintaining a standard of excellence for his team, customers and their vehicles.

6267 Riverdale St, San Diego
(619) 280-9315 | johnssandiegoautorepair.com

Best Bank Mission Federal Credit Union

A member-owned not-for-profit dedicated to serving the financial needs of the community.

6950 Navajo Road, San Diego
1-800-500-6328 | missionfed.com

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6969 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego
(619) 460-0760

Best Boutique

Artifacts & Artichokes

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7549 Mission Gorge Rd, San Diego
(619) 501-7476 | artifactsandartichokes.com

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4282 Camino Del Rio No, San Diego
(855) 762-7956 | soapyjoesearwash.com

Best Casino

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5469 Casino Way, El Cajon
(619) 445-6002 | sycuan.com

Best Chiropractor

DC Doctors

Combining effective chiropractic adjustments, rehabilitation exercises and massage techniques, their goal is to help you feel your best and minimize pain.

10330 Friars Rd, Ste. 111, San Diego
(619) 281-7800 | dc-doctors.com

Best Computer Repair

SD Bytes Computer Repair

Fast, trusted and versatile SD Bytes is committed to customer satisfaction handling everything from virus removal to liquid damage repair all on-site and if they can't fix the problem, you don't pay.

10433 Friars Rd Ste B, San Diego
(619) 546-7740 | sdbytes.com



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6940, C, Alvarado Rd, San Diego
(619) 265-5251 | looksbetteronme.com

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2835 Camino del Rio S #100 San Diego
(619) 314-7336 | marchandash.com

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7433 Mission Gorge Rd San Diego
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5105 Waring Rd, San Diego
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7549 Mission Gorge Rd, San Diego
(619) 501-7476 | artifactsandartichokes.com

Best Gym
Vertica Fitness San Diego

Vertica Fitness is a pole workout gym that embraces body positivity and welcomes people of all different skill levels.

6310 Riverdale St, San Diego
(858) 255-7884 | verticafitness.com

Best Hair Salon
Robert's Salon

A hair salon that provides styles for every occasion: weddings, proms, photo shoots.

5144 Waring Rd, San Diego
(619) 287-0351 | roberthairsalon.com

Best Hardware Store
Dixieline Lumber

Each Dixieline Home Center has a sales counter where you can find expert advice and a complete lumberyard where lumber is cut and milled for your specific needs.

8372 Center Drive, La Mesa
(619) 465-4242 | dixieline.com

Best Health Food Store
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6386 Del Cerro Blvd, San Diego
(619) 413-6918 | windmillfarmsmarket.com

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health.ucsd.edu/about-us/east-campus

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7659 Mission Gorge Rd, San Diego
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Best Jewelry
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4242 Camino Del Rio North, San Diego
(619) 282-3900 | enhancery.com

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4343 Nobel Dr, San Diego
(858) 522-9722 | 7daylocksmith.com

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Do Karate Academy

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6690 Mission Gorge Rd, San Diego
(619) 867-6349 | alliedgardenskarate.com

Best Massage
Waring Massage Spa

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5154 Waring Road, San Diego
(619) 583-9999 | waringmassage.com

Best Hair Salon)
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7434 Jackson Drive, San Diego
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Best New Business
Viva Pilates Studio

Viva Pilates Studio is a welcoming space where San Diegans can move and thrive no matter their experience level.

7441 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego
(619) 485-0247 | vivapilatesstudio.co



Best Optometrist**Allied Gardens Optometry**

Allied Gardens Optometry provides a welcoming environment to determine the health of your eyes in an annual exam.

5175 Waring Rd, San Diego
(619) 583-1000 | agfoptometry.com

Best Personal Trainer**Viva Pilates Studio**

(See listing under Best New Business)

Best Pet Boarding/Day Care**Canine's Unleashed, Inc.**

Canine's Unleashed, Inc. is a pet service company that offers dog daycare, boarding, bathing, and various toys and treats.

4375 Twain Ave, San Diego
(619) 255-2880 | caninesunleashedinc.com

Best Pet Groomer**Suds N Pups Dog Grooming & Wash**

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Allied Gardens
5160 Waring Road, San Diego
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7295 Navajo Road, San Diego
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sudsnpupsdoggroomingandwashinc.com

Best Pharmacy**Provision Pharmacy**

Provision Pharmacy offers a range of pharmaceutical services and emphasizes personal care and support for their customers.

4428 Glacier Ave, San Diego
(619) 269-6600

Best Photographer**Brent Haywood Photography**

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4760 Mission Gorge Place, San Diego
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brenthaywoodphotography.com

Best Physical Therapist/Rehab**Longevity Physical Therapy**

Longevity Physical Therapy is a state-of-the-art physical therapy facility that assesses and treats the root cause of your pain and dysfunction.

4635 Mission Gorge Place, San Diego
(619) 501-9037 | longevityphysicaltherapy.com

Best Pilates**Viva Pilates Studio**

(See listing under Best New Business)

Best Plumber**Affordable Plumbing Company**

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8735 Robles Dr, San Diego
(858) 330-1030 | affordable-plumbing-co.com

Best Pool Service**Blue Tide Swimming Pool Service & Repair**

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(619) 820-3377 | bluetidepoolservice.com

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7687 Stevenson Way, San Diego
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marketsocal.com/agents/jeff-rosa

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(619) 281-6284 | mathnasium.com

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4329 Twain Ave, San Diego
(619) 281-2934 | missionvalleypetclinic.com

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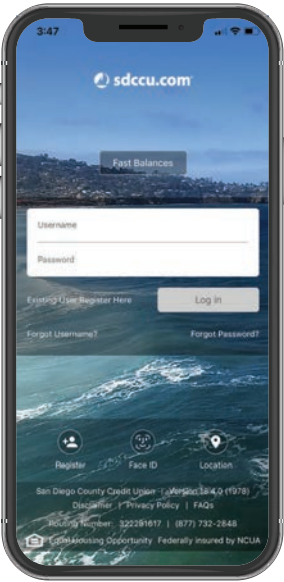
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