

BEST OF
2020 **UPTOWN & DOWNTOWN**
SAN DIEGO

WELCOME THIS YEAR'S WINNERS!

San Diego's urban core in the Downtown and Uptown communities is full of vibrant neighborhoods, historic districts and unique businesses.

From residents to houses, our neighborhoods comprise a balanced mix of young and old, established and new. Why would the dining and entertainment establishments we frequent be any different?

Each year, we ask readers to weigh in on what businesses add to the fabric of the communities in the annual Best of Downtown and Best of Uptown awards. Due to the changed publishing schedule of these newspapers due to the COVID-19 virus' impact on advertising, these awards have been combined into one special edition highlighting businesses in both areas.

Readers of Downtown and Uptown News were able to vote for dozens of local establishments in dining categories like happy hour, Irish pub, burrito, pizza and donut shop as well as retail categories like antique store and spa.

San Diego Uptown News covers nearly a dozen neighborhoods, including Mission Hills, Bankers Hill, Hillcrest, University Heights, Normal Heights,

North Park, South Park, Golden Hill, Kensington and Talmadge, as well as nearby regions of City Heights, Mission Valley and more. Downtown News covers another set of unique neighborhoods from the reaches of the ever-expanding East Village, to the majestic Gaslamp Quarter, through the twinkling lights of the Core/Columbia and Financial districts, to the shores of the Marina District and the Embarcadero, and to the piazzas of Little Italy. Our readers have spoken about their favorite establishments. The range of winners reflect our diverse neighborhoods, offering a glimpse of what it's like to live in the urban core.

As you look through these pages, we hope you find familiar names along with new faces. Swing by these spots for a taste of life and to support local businesses.

To each of our 2020 Best of Downtown and Uptown winners, we extend hearty congratulations on your recognition. We hope our loyal readers — and your loyal customers, both new and old — continue to show you patronage for years to come.

—The staff at San Diego Community News Group (sdcm.com)

Gold Winner Listings:

Best Pet Friendly Dining (tie)

Tajima Ramen Bar

Tajima offers one of the widest selections of Japanese cuisine at affordable prices, to satisfy the unique tastes and desires of everyone in your party. Daily tapas-style (small plate) menu changes with the season, sourcing the freshest seasonal ingredients available. Five San Diego locations and another three restaurants in Tijuana Mexico, there is a uniquely designed Tajima within reach of your desire for Japanese cuisine at its finest!

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