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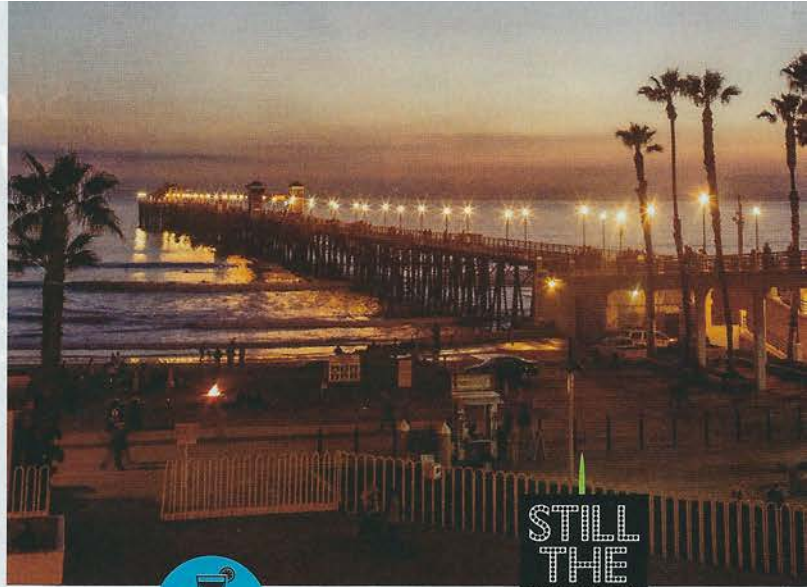




## BEST OF THE 'HOODS

Meet the new neighbors and time-honored classics in five San Diego 'hoods.

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STILL THE BEST



**OCEANSIDE**

**BLVD CHINESE KITCHEN**  
The menu of Chinese-Mexican cuisine is phenomenal, from a short rib braised for five hours to a honey-glazed fish taco topped with a chile-and-condensed-milk mayonnaise. **514 South Coast Highway**

**BAGBY BEER COMPANY**  
One of the beer scene's most anticipated debuts fulfilled all expectations with an expansive, family-friendly space that offers visitors many choices for sipping, sitting, and dining. **601 South Coast Highway**

**OCEANSIDE PIER**  
The historic pier is a perennial tribute to the neighborhood's coastal lifestyle. Stroll down with family and make a pit stop at Ruby's Diner for some burgers and shakes. **The Strand and Pier View Way**

**LA JOLLA**

**CATANIA**  
The team behind Prepkitchen and Whisknadle has added another eatery to its roster with the coastal Italian-leaning Catania, located in the former Jack's space atop the new La Plaza center. **7863 Girard Avenue**

**THE HAKE KITCHEN & BAR**  
The Hake specializes in gourmet seafood, but its new cocktail menu is equally impressive. Try the Japanese Spell, mixed with coffee grain whisky and a green tea tincture. **1250 Prospect Street**

**MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART**  
The La Jolla branch of San Diego's contemporary art forum boasts mixed media exhibits and frequent events, not to mention ocean views from its patio. **700 Prospect Street**

**BARRIO LOGAN**

**SALUD CATERING**  
Popular vendor San Diego Taco Company has finally set up shop in a brick-and-mortar space that serves a short menu of tacos, nachos, and mulitas (open-face quesadillas), as well as craft beers. **2196 Logan Avenue**

**BORDER X BREWING**  
Salud's neighbor is the city's only Latino-owned brewery, serving beer with a Mexican twist, like the Abuelitas, a brew made with Mexican hot chocolate and Blood Saison, with hibiscus and agave. **2181 Logan Avenue**

**CHICANO PARK**  
Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, the park is filled with murals depicting past and present struggles in the Mexican and Chicano communities. **Near Cesar E. Chavez Parkway and Logan Avenue**

**OCEAN BEACH**

**LITTLE LION CAFÉ**  
The Belgian-Californian eatery, which straddles the Point Loma-Ocean Beach border, brings breakfast, lunch, a newly launched dinner service, and European charm. **1424 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard**

**CULTURE BREWING TASTING ROOM**  
Nearly twice the size of its Solana Beach flagship brewery, Culture's O.B. spot has the same lineup of well-balanced beers, like a wonderfully hoppy black IPA. **4845 Newport Avenue**

**HODAD'S**  
Few burgers stack up like Hodad's and few restauranteurs leave an impression quite like Mike Hardin, Hodad's owner/patron saint, who passed away in February. **5010 Newport Avenue**

**NORTH PARK**

**STREETCAR MERCHANTS OF FRIED CHICKEN, DONUTS & COFFEE**  
StreetCar's made-to-order fried chicken has been a wild success, and the juicy-meets-crispy reward is well worth the wait. **4002 30th Street**

**MODERN TIMES FLAVORDOME**  
Brett Trois IPAs, a bar made of VHS tapes and floppy disks, food from next door's Tacos Perla—this tasting room is a welcome addition to the nabe's rapidly expanding brewery scene. **3000 Upas Street**

**PIGMENT**  
The boutique continues to be a visual feast, with Instagram-worthy décor, accessories, barware, and more. For DIY action, the succulent area is stocked with cacti, planters, and colorful sand. **3801 30th Street**

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