

To whom it may concern,

As a relatively recent transplant to San Diego [REDACTED], I've been trying out different locations and scenes in hopes of finding some chill places to get drinks and have a good time. Having spent all of my previous years living in one location, I had my hometown haunts figured out; all the places with a cool crowd, good drinks, chill bartenders.... had it all wired. One thing I've learned is that the bartenders not only determine how good the drinks come out, but they also play a huge part in controlling the vibe around the bar – that's the key quality that ultimately makes the bar experience positive or negative for me. Coming from the Long Beach bar scene, I was having a difficult time adapting to the feel of the joints in the [REDACTED] area. I'd ventured off from Pacific Beach to Encinitas and although all the locations have something different to offer, none really stuck for me. Some places have bartenders that make the drinks but don't say much, some lag with getting to all customers at all, some don't make drinks so well, and some like to chat with their good friends and ignore other customers.

Getting to the point, when I got around to giving my local area another shot, I had the pleasure of meeting Jason Shurtz at [REDACTED]. My experience at [REDACTED] this time around was much more enjoyable. Jason hustles behind the bar, attending not only to his servers, but all guests at and around the bar. He has an excellent awareness of the customers trying to get drinks and does a great job of getting to each of them in a timely manner. He's a fun/energetic guy, and can entertain customers from all walks of life. Seeing customers around the bar interacting and laughing with the bartender and in general greatly enjoying themselves was a welcomed change. It truly reflects not only his ability to handle a busy bar, but his unique character that enhances the bar environment. I continue to make my way to [REDACTED] whenever I'm in the mood for a fun evening and if I know Jason is working. To any place looking to add more talent and efficiency behind the bar, in addition to sprucing up the overall customer experience, I highly recommend Jason.

Sincerely,

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