

LA JOLLA VILLAGE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

Our mission: We bring business to La Jolla Village businesses.

10 September 2025 | La Jolla Riford Library | 3:45 - 4:00 Networking | 4:00 Meeting

AGENDA – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

1.	Call to Order - Monthly Board Meeting	Action	AJ Johnson, President
2.	Roll Call - Scott Blaul, Secretary; Klara Chavarria; Rey Castillo, Jamie Mae Cheng; , Ernesto		Scott Blaul, Secretary
	Carrola, Esq.; Elnaz Iraj, Vice President; AJ Johnson, President; Carrington Kelso; Mark		
	McDonald; Joline Mann; Gene Padigos, Jr.; Jason Peaslee; Japhet Perez Estrada; Bill		
	Podway, Treasurer; Chad Taggart; Jodi Rudick (Executive Director).		
3.	Approval of August Minutes	Action	Blaul
4.	Non-Agenda Public Comments	Information	Johnson
	 Updates from Community/Political Leaders 		
	All other public comments (limited to two minutes)		
5.	Financial Report		
	 Approval of Financials – July 2025 	Action	Bill Podway, Treasurer
6.	Organizational Excellence		
	Board Member Resignations – Regretfully accept resignations from Chad Taggart and	Action	Blaul
	Gene Padigos who are unable to attend meetings due to changing business obligations		
	and operations consistently.		
	1) Election update – Candidate Forum and Draft Ballot Review.	Action	Blaul
	2) Polls will be open at the LJVMA offices on October 6 – 7 with refreshments for all		
	who stop by and cast their ballot.		
7.	Merchant Engagement		
	 Upcoming and Recap Events (Typically occur on the 4th Tuesday of Each Month) 	Information	Johnson
	a. August 26 – Next Gen hosted by Unscripted Spaces with over 80 people		
	attending. Beautiful charcuterie bar provided by Indulge to Go, a concept of		
	Marketplace Grille. Spirits Festival and Topo Chico provided beverages, and		
	Johnny Tran provided music. It was an incredible night with so any new		
	faces.		
	b. September 23 – Mix and Mingle at Hennessey's		
	c. October 23 – Business Breakfast at Shepherd YMCA Firehouse. Program:		
	Don't get Spooked by Immigration – What Small Businesses Need to Know		
	d. December 2 – Mingle and Jingle Holiday Happy Hour at Beeside Balcony.		
8.	Promotions and Events 1) Digital Media Update – 5 Ways to Get Featured. Please take out your phones	Information	Rudick
	a) Social Media Update – How to Get Featured on Social Media	IIIIOIIIIatioii	Rudick
	i) DM @lajollabythesea (Jess is the Social Media Manager(
	ii) Always tag and invite us to collaborate on posts that fit our mission and grid		
	iii) Get in the spotlight – coordinate a contest with Jess		
	iv) Send a blog article that educates and informs about your industry or		
	business news		
	v) Always add your events to our event calendar.		
	2) Ribbon Cutting – Recaps. Sept 4 – Bret Webster Gallery Sept 5 ALCHEM $\bar{\rm E}$ Sept 6 –	Information	Johnson
	Shepherd YMCA Firehouse. It's NEVER too late for a ribbon cutting!		
	3) Upcoming events: San Diego Spirits Festival: September 27-28 San Diego Restaurant	Information	Johnson
	Week September 14 – 21 La Jolla Art & Wine Festival – October 11-12		
	4) Art Walk Themes – All themes are listed on the Event Calendar and on Our Blog	Information	Johnson
	October 3 – Spirits } November 7 – Gratitude December 5 – Holidays		
9.	Adjourn Meeting to our joint Annual/Monthly Meeting on Oct. 8, La Jolla Riford Library		Johnson