



AS A SERVICE TO THOSE ATTENDING THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION 2010 CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CONSUMER INFORMATION

Because of the power of money, every dollar we spend is a vote. For those of us who want to vote as much as possible for businesses that have good labor practices, are ecologically sensitive and compassionate to animals, have community involvement, and observe basic human rights – or who want to *not* have our dollars vote for businesses that are poor on these points – we offer the homework of what concerned groups have said (we have done no independent evaluation). People can then make more informed choices on their purchasing decisions.

For services that rank products with social responsibility in mind, see

“Better World Shopping Guide”
“Green America”

www.betterworldshopper.org
www.responsibleshopper.org

For finding compassionate eating / vegetarian restaurants and resources in any location around the world, see

www.happycow.net or **www.veg dining.com**

For information on downtown San Diego, turn the page.

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APA OFFICIAL HOTELS

Manchester Hyatt – 1 Market Place - boycott called by a coalition of groups.

A summary of differing points of view:

- This hotel's workers are not unionized, and the local union asserts there is over-working of housekeepers. For more details and updates from the local union, see: <http://unitehere30.org/Campaign.html>.
- The hotel's owner, Doug Manchester, made a personal donation of \$125,000 to the "Yes on Proposition 8" election campaign of 2008, rescinding same-sex marriage in California.
- The APA Council has decided to move Council meetings to another hotel, and is honoring requests of divisions to not have their events assigned there. For the rest of the convention, APA signed a binding contract in 2004. A huge financial penalty for breaking the contract would mean that the hotel gets money anyway. See www.apa.org/convention for a link to more details or updates.
- Some are angry at APA for not honoring the boycott completely, and do not agree with APA's reasoning; see www.psysr.org/apa-manchester.
- Mr. Manchester's response on the donation was that his was a private donation, not the hotel's. He reports contributing large amounts to gay-rights groups to promote civil unions. The hotel's side of the story is at www.mghsdtruth.com.
- Some question the free-speech implications of a boycott for an election donation, or whether there is any method of resolving the boycott that would not involve free-speech impingements.
- There is a possibility of San Diego Labor Council sanctioned picket lines at the hotel at the time of the convention.
- For updated information on the status of the boycott, see www.saynotomanchester.org.

More on the national chain:

- The "Travel Green" website does not list the Hyatt corporation, suggesting it does not have a comprehensive environmental sustainability program.
- Hyatt is one of 6 companies cited by the NAACP as good at philanthropic efforts in the African-American community. Nevertheless, their over-all grade on diversity issues is a C.
- Hyatt hotels have a rating of 100 out of 100 for treatment of GLBT persons from the Human Rights Campaign.
- In August 2009, three Boston-area Hyatts fired 98 staff housekeepers and replaced them with \$8-an-hour employees. Some of the fired staff housekeepers had worked more than 20 years, making more than \$15 an hour.

Hilton San Diego Bay Front - 1 Park Boulevard

- The "Travel Green" website reports Hilton has a company-wide comprehensive policy to promote environmental practices at its hotels.
- However, the UK's Ethical Consumer website reports the problems damaging the Bimini Island's mangrove swamps and threatening endangered species, and involvement in a project in Honduras which threatens fragile wetlands and in which local people in 2006 were intimidated into signing over their land to the real estate company, as documented by Human Rights First.
- The latest annual review by the NAACP grades the Hilton a D+ on racial diversity issues.
- Hilton receives a rating of 90 out of 100 from the Human Rights Campaign.

San Diego Marriott – 333 West Harbor Drive

- As with the Manchester Hyatt, the San Diego Labor Council lists this on its "do not patronize" list as being unfair employers.
- The "Travel Green" website does not list the Marriott, suggesting no environmental program.
- The UK's "Ethical Consumer" website says Marriott International had unspecified union boycotts. However, it does give Marriott a rating of "12," the highest score for ethical behavior they offered.
- The NAACP reports Marriott as one of those that stand out for representation of African Americans at the Board level or other corporate positions, and also gets an A for its philanthropic efforts in the African-American community. However, its over-all diversity efforts are graded C.
- Marriott has a rating of 100 out of 100 from the Human Rights Campaign.

OTHER HOTELS

In addition to the Hyatt and Marriot listed above, the San Diego Labor Council identifies the following individual San Diego hotels as “unfair employers and adversaries of the labor movement”: Atlas Kona Kai Shelter Pointe, 1551 Shelter Island Drive / Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North / Hilton Mission Valley, 901 Camino del Rio South. For updates, see: www.unionyes.org/do-not-patronize

These hotels are unionized and UNITE-HERE Local 30 requests they be patronized:

in same zip code area as convention:

Hilton Airport Harbor Island, 1960 Harbor Island Drive
Holiday Inn on the Bay, 1355 N. Harbor Drive
The Sofia, 132 W. Broadway
W Hotel San Diego, 421 West B Street

not in same zip code:

Hilton San Diego Resort, 1775 East Mission Bay Drive
Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa & Marina
Island Palms Casa Del Mar, 2051 Shelter Island Drive

Listed as a member of the Green Hotels Association: All Seasons Resort Lodging - San Diego, 4767 Ocean Blvd., 10.8 miles from Convention Center. Phone: 888-667-2775, www.allseasonsresortlodging.com/san_diego/

LOCAL RESTAURANTS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine - <http://www.pokezsd.com/pokezmenu.pdf>

947 E Street, San Diego, CA 92101 (0.85 miles from convention center) Phone: 619-702-7160
Hours Mon-Fri 10AM – 9PM, Sat-Sun 9AM – 9PM

Includes meat dishes and labeled vegan dishes. The happycow.net listing has it as low price, and a “grungy cafe popular with youngsters.”

Nature’s Express - <http://www.natures-express.com/main-sandiego.html>

2949 5th Avenue (at Quince) (2.1 miles from convention center) Phone: 619-550-1818

Dining Room hours: 11AM – 8 PM daily; Drive-Through hours: 11AM – 10PM daily.

Healthier Fast Food; includes take-out and delivery, a drive-through and a buffet (\$6.50 for small plate, \$9.95 for large plate). Web-site lists plant-based (vegan) and organic food.

*** Ecological Ratings for San Diego Green Restaurants: www.ecovian.com/s/sandiego/restaurants

OTHER RESTAURANTS

The San Diego Labor Council identifies these two San Diego restaurants hotels as unfair employers:
Barra Barra, 4016 Wallace Avenue; Casa de Reyes, 2754 Calhoun Street

The Better World Shopping Guide (see www.betterworldshopper.org) offers grades by several social responsibility criteria. It offers these ratings for restaurant chains that are in San Diego:

A	Chipotle	(closest to convention center: 734 University Avenue)
B+	Bruegger’s Bagels	(closest: 655 West Broadway)
B	Panera	(closest: 2445 Truxtun Road)
C	Subway, Togo’s, Blimpie’s	
C -	Burger King, Arby’s	
D+	Domino’s, Jack in the Box, Pizza Hut	
D	Taco Bell, Wendy’s Baja Fresh	
D-	McDonald’s	
F	KFC	

HEALTH FOOD STORES WITH DELIS

Whole Foods Market

711 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103 (3.43 miles from convention center) Phone: 619-294-2800
Hours 8AM – 10PM daily - *Large supermarket chain, has a deli, organic produce. “The Better World Shopping Guide” lists this chain as “corporate hero” with grade A (only lower than food co-ops and farmer’s markets, which get A+). They are powered by renewable energy, have established animal & poverty foundations, and are a Business Ethics Award Winner.*

Ocean Beach Organic Food Market - <http://obpeoplesfood.coop/>

4765 Voltaire Street, San Diego, CA 92107 (7 miles from convention center) Phone: 619-224-1387
Hours 8AM – 9PM daily - *Large co-operative, has a deli, organic produce*

FARMERS MARKETS

Farmer's Markets mean buying locally-grown fresh food, usually also organic and directly from the people who actually grew it or baked it. You can normally find your local ones with a good web search.

Downtown San Diego Gaslamp Farmer's Market

400 block of Third Ave between Island Ave. and J St. (0.3 miles from convention center)

Hours Sundays, 9am-1pm

Phone: 619-279-0032

For a list of many Farmer's Markets in all of San Diego County:

<http://sdfarmbureau.org/BuyLocal/Farmers-Markets.php>

AIRLINES

The Better World Shopping Guide

(www.betterworldshopper.org)

grades based on several criteria

- A- British Airways (high on environment)
- B+ Air France, KLM, JetBlue
- B Alaska Air, Southwest
- B- Midwest, Japan Airlines, Frontier
- C+ Delta, Singapore Airlines
- C AirTran, Cathay Pacific
- C- American Airlines, ATA Airlines
- D+ American Eagle
- D America West, USAirways
- D- United
- F Continental, Northwest

Green America

(www.responsibleshopper.org)

rankings based on several criteria

1. Southwest (environment B+, labor, ethics, safety C)
2. Virgin (environment B+, labor C-, ethics D+)
3. Delta (environment B-, human rights C+, labor D, ethics C)
4. British Airways (environment D, human rights D, ethics C)
5. US Airways (environment F, human rights C)
6. American Airlines (environment F, ethics C, safety D)
7. Continental (environment F, ethics C, safety F)
8. United (environment F, human rights C-, labor, ethics D)

Amtrak and Greyhound do provide service to San Diego, and trains and buses are the most ecological forms of transportation where walking or bicycling is not practical. They may be a better option for those coming from California or Arizona.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

See: www.sdcommute.com

RENTAL CARS

The Travel Green website says that Enterprise, National, and Alamo have offered carbon off-set programs through Terrapass with matching funds, and they've been systematically shifting inventory to greener vehicles. Avis, Budget, and Hertz are also listed as attempting to move toward greener vehicles. Those who decide they must rent a car might want to inquire about hybrids and other high-mileage cars. The more these companies know their customers care about environmental sustainability, the better.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Central Library in San Diego is located downtown at 820 E Street. Phone: (619) 236-5800

Web page: www.sandiego.gov/public-library.

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