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**TORRANCE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD AGENDA  
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025  
REGULAR MEETING**

**10:00 AM IN WEST ANNEX COMMISSION ROOM AT 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

License Review Board Members – Chun \_\_\_\_, Chair Rumery \_\_\_\_, Wade\_\_\_\_  
Alternate License Review Board Members – Botiller \_\_\_\_, Cleveland \_\_\_\_

**3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Wednesday April 9, 2025.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS.**

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 15-minute period)**

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items not on the agenda under the subject matter of the License Review Board. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Board Members cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 1 minute per speaker. Please step up to the podium and speak clearly into the microphone.*

**6. Consent Calendar**

*Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Board Member from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.*

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Thursday March 6, 2025**

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. Approve a business license for The Original Fish Taco LLC, dba Rubio's 037**  
application for a business license to allow the operation of a restaurant selling alcohol.

**7B. Approve a business license for Marukai Corporation, dba Tokyo Central**  
application for a business license to allow the operation of a grocery store selling alcohol.

**7C. Approve a business license for Marukai Corporation, dba Vanshow Sushi & Bar**  
application for a business license to allow the operation of a restaurant selling alcohol.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**9. BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**10A.** Adjournment of License Review Board Meeting to Thursday May 1, 2025, at 10:00 am in the West Annex Commission Room at 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance License Review Board convened in a regular session at 10:01 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025, in the West Annex meeting room at 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Jordan Rumery, General Services  
Board Member Jin Chun, City Manager's Office  
Board Member Jillian Wade, Senior Administrative Analyst

Also Present: Deputy City Attorney Brandon Gonzaque  
License Supervisor Suzanne Bittner

**3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Rumery reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

None

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Thursday, December 19, 2024**

**MOTION:** Member Wade moved to approve the minutes for the meeting held on December 19, 2024, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Chun and the motion passed.

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. GINDACO USA, INC. DBA BISTRO BEAUX**

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of a restaurant serving alcohol

Ms. Stephanie Yoshida translated into Japanese for Mr. Keisuke Oda, owner of Gindaco USA, Inc. dba Bistro Beaux. Mr. Oka confirmed the application for a business license to allow the operation of restaurant serving alcohol, located at 21605 South Western Avenue Suite A, Torrance, and verified that he received an email verification from the Los Angeles County Health Department and had met with the Police Department to discuss the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control and understood the rules and regulations pertaining to this type of business.

Mr Oda confirmed that he would submit a copy of the business license to the Business License office.

There was no public comment.

**MOTION:** Member Chun moved to approve the application for a business license to

Gindaco USA, Inc. dba Bistro Beaux to allow the operation of a restaurant serving alcohol, located at 21605 South Western Avenue Suite A, Torrance. The motion was seconded by Member Wade and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**7B. FUHUA SERVICE INC, DBA CORNER MASSAGE**

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of a massage establishment

Ms. Hong Juan Wong, manager of Fuhua Service Inc, DbA Corner Massage, confirmed her application for a business license to allow the operation of a massage establishment, located at 18020 Crenshaw Boulevard in Torrance and confirmed that she had met with the Police Department and understood the rules and regulations pertaining to this type of business.

Responding to questions from Chair Rumery, Ms. Wong confirmed that she had painted inside the building and would inform anyone working in the business about the rules and regulations.

There was no public comment.

Responding to questions from Deputy City Attorney Gonzaque, Ms. Wong confirmed that: she was responsible for all activities that occurred at the business, whether she was present on site or not, including the activities of the employees, that she or any employees providing massages would need to be licensed by the California Massage Therapy Council, that she needed to maintain an up-to-date list of her employees with the Finance Department and inform the Finance Department if she hired any employees or let any employees go and that if she or any of her employees performed any illegal or illicit acts, in violation of California Penal Code, California Health and Safety Code or the Torrance Municipal Code or any other laws, she could be held responsible, she could have her business license suspended or revoked and if she or an employee violated the California Penal Code, the California Health and Safety Codes or the Torrance Municipal Code or any other laws, she could also be prosecuted in a criminal court of law.

**MOTION:** Member Wade moved to approve the operation of a massage establishment to Fuhua Service Inc, DbA Corner Massage, located at 18020 Crenshaw Boulevard in Torrance. The motion was seconded by Member Chun and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**7D. ELEGANT MASSAGE (considered out of order)**

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of a massage establishment

Ms. Meitong Chen translated into Mandarin for Mr. Bokun Gao, owner of Elegant Massage. Mr Gao confirmed his application for a business license to allow the operation of a massage establishment, located at 3881 Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance and confirmed that he had met with the Police Department and understood the rules and regulations pertaining to this type of business.

There was no public comment.

Responding to questions from Deputy City Attorney Gonzaque, Mr. Gao confirmed that: he was responsible for all activities that occurred at the business, whether he was present on site or not, including the activities of the employees, that he or any employees providing massages would need to be licensed by the California Massage Therapy Council, that he needed to maintain an up-to-date list of his employees with the Finance Department and inform the Finance Department if he hired any employees or let any employees go and that if he or any of his employees performed any illegal or illicit acts, in violation of California Penal Code, California Health and Safety Code or the Torrance Municipal Code or any other laws, he could be held

responsible, he could have his business license suspended or revoked and if he or an employee violated the California Penal Code, the California Health and Safety Codes or the Torrance Municipal Code or any other laws, he could also be prosecuted in a criminal court of law.

**MOTION:** Member Chun moved to approve the operation of a massage establishment to Elegant Massage, located at 23528 Crenshaw Boulevard in Torrance. The motion was seconded by Member Wade and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**7C. KANG YI HEALTH CENTER (considered out of order)**

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of a massage establishment

Ms. Irene Kuo translated into Mandarin for Ms. Dan Liao, owner of Kang Yi Health Center. Ms Liao confirmed her application for a business license to allow the operation of a massage establishment located at 23528 Crenshaw Boulevard in Torrance and confirmed that she had met with the Police Department and understood the rules and regulations pertaining to this type of business.

There was no public comment.

Responding to questions from Deputy City Attorney Gonzaque, Ms. Liao confirmed that: she was responsible for all activities that occurred at the business, whether she was present on site or not, including the activities of the employees, that she or any employees providing massages would need to be licensed by the California Massage Therapy Council, that she needed to maintain an up-to-date list of her employees with the Finance Department and inform the Finance Department if she hired any employees or let any employees go and that if she or any of her employees performed any illegal or illicit acts, in violation of California Penal Code, California Health and Safety Code or the Torrance Municipal Code or any other laws, she could be held responsible, she could have her business license suspended or revoked and if she or an employee violated the California Penal Code, the California Health and Safety Codes or the Torrance Municipal Code or any other laws, she could also be prosecuted in a criminal court of law.

In response to questions from Chair Rumery, Ms Liao confirmed that she did not have any employees at this time and that she knew that the door needed to remain unlocked during business hours.

**MOTION:** Member Wade moved to approve the operation of a massage establishment to Kang Yi Health Center, located at 23528 Crenshaw Boulevard in Torrance. The motion was seconded by Member Wade and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS (IF APPLICABLE MUST BE PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPER)**

None

**9. BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**10A. MOTION:** At 10:26 a.m., Member Chun moved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the West Annex meeting room at 3031 Torrance Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Member Wade and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Honorable Members of the License Review Board  
City Hall – West Annex Commission Room  
Torrance, California

Members of the License Review Board:

SUBJECT: Finance Department, Business License Division – Approve a  
business license for – The Original Fish Taco LLC, dba  
Rubio's 037

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Finance Department, business license division to  
approve the business license with the conditions set forth by the California  
Department of Alcohol Beverage Control.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Eric Garcia general manager at The Original Fish Taco LLC, dba Rubio's 037  
has made an application for approval of a business license to allow the operation  
of a restaurant serving alcohol. The business is located 25366 Crenshaw  
Boulevard in Torrance.

Per Section 31.7.1 subsection 4) of the Torrance Municipal Code, any business  
license application, at the discretion of the Assistant Finance Director, can be  
sent to the License Review Board for approval before issuance of the license.

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
Suzanne Bittner  
License Supervisor

Attachment A: Business License Application  
Attachment B: California Department of ABC License Query  
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Attachment D: Torrance Police Department Reports

Please call the Business License Office at 310 618 5923 for fee amounts. Payment must be submitted with your application.



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revenue@torranceca.gov

SELECT APPLICABLE BOX:
NEW APPLICATION [ ] CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (greater than 50%) [x]
CHANGE OF BUSINESS LOCATION [ ] CHANGE OF NAME (Only) [ ]

PART I. APPLICANT TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION (print or type)

BUSINESS NAME OR DBA: Rubio's 037
CORPORATE NAME (LEGAL ENTITY NAME IF DIFFERENT FROM BUSINESS NAME OR DBA): The Original Fish Taco LLC

1. BUSINESS LOCATION (\*physical business address - see note below)
25366 Crenshaw Blvd. Torrance, CA 90505

2. MAILING ADDRESS OR PO/PMB BOX (required)
6021 Innovation Way, Suite 210, Carlsbad CA 92009

3. IS THE BUSINESS LOCATED AT A RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (\*select one)? YES [ ] NO [x]
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT#:
EMAIL ADDRESS: licensespermits@rubios.com

NATURE OF BUSINESS (description of business activity in detail):
Fast casual restaurant serving fresh Mexican cuisine. w/ alcohol

FOR A BUSINESS LOCATED IN TORRANCE PROVIDE THE PRIMARY STANDARD INDUSTRY (SIC) CODE(S) (\*\*see note below):
5812 (Eating Places) / 58120112 (Mexican Restaurant)
STATE WASTE DISCHARGER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (WDID#) (\*\*if applicable - see note below):

TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS (select one): YES [ ] NO [x]
Definition: A business entity utilizing scientific equipment and engineering techniques, microelectronics, data processing, genetic engineering, or telecommunications.

RETAIL BUSINESS - WILL YOU BE SELLING CBD PRODUCTS? (select one): YES [ ] NO [x]
Definition: CBD is the cannabidiol compound derived from industrial hemp, cannabis or otherwise.

CONTACT NAME: Liz Salazar
CONTACT TITLE: District Manager
CONTACT PHONE #:
BUSINESS PHONE#: (310) 891-1811
CELL PHONE#:

DRIVERS LICENSE OR OTHER GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID#:
SOCIAL SECURITY# (optional):
COMMERCIAL OFFICE SQFT:
# OF PEOPLE WORKING IN TORRANCE:
# OF UNITS (apartments/hotels/mobile homes/vehicles): 1

FEDERAL TAX ID# (FEIN):
STATE TAX ID# (SEIN):
STATE CONTRACTORS LICENSE #:
STATE SELLERS PERMIT#:

OWNERSHIP INFORMATION (check applicable box)
CORPORATION [ ] LLC [x] PARTNERSHIP [ ] SOLE OWNERSHIP [ ]

NAMES OF OWNER, PARTNERS, OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS:
Jeffery Crivello
TITLE:
Managing Member

I declare that I am the owner, partner, corporate officer or person with the power of attorney, and I understand if any of the information provided above is not true the business license being applied for may be revoked as outlined in section 31.9.10 of the Torrance Municipal Code.
I am duly authorized to make this application. All of the information provided in this application is true and correct. The business will not provide any service, good or product which is illegal under Federal, State, or Local Laws. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNATURE:
DATE: 1/8/25

PART II. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

BASIC FEE:
PROCESSING FEE:
STATE FEE:
PER PERSON FEE:
PER UNIT FEE:
OTHER FEES:
PENALTY FEE:
TOTAL AMOUNT:
Business License # BL-LIC-

NOTES:
\* FOR A RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS ADDRESS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE IT. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO PROVIDE THE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS PLEASE LEAVE BOX #1 BLANK AND SELECT YES UNDER BOX #3. FOR A RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IN TORRANCE YOU WILL FIRST REQUIRE A HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT#.
\*\* ACCESS THE BUSINESS SIC CODE(S) AT UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WEBSITE: https://www.osha.gov/pls/fims/sic\_manual.html
\*\*\* ACCESS INFORMATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS REQUIRING A WDID# FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD WEBSITE: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.html



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

# Alcoholic Beverage Control

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**Report Date:** Monday, April 07, 2025

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## LICENSE INFORMATION

**License Number:** 663748 **Primary Owner:** THE ORIGINAL FISH TACO LLC

**Office of Application:** 03 - LB/LAKEWOOD

## BUSINESS NAME

RUBIOS FRESH MEXICAN GRILL #37

## BUSINESS ADDRESS

25366 CRENSHAW BLVD , TORRANCE, CA, 90505

**County:** LOS ANGELES **Census Tract:** 6700.03

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## LICENSEE INFORMATION

**Licensee:** THE ORIGINAL FISH TACO LLC

### Company Information

**OFFICER:** CRIVELLO, JEFFERY JOSEPH (MANAGER)

**MEMBER:** CRIVELLO, JEFFERY JOSEPH

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## LICENSE TYPES

\*Allow up to six weeks for expiration date updates after renewal fee submittal.

## **41 - ON-SALE BEER AND WINE - EATING PLACE**

**License Type Status:** ACTIVE **Status Date:** 23-JAN-2025 **Term:** 12 Month(s)

**Original Issue Date:** 22-JAN-2025 **Expiration Date\*:** 31-DEC-2025 **Master:** Y **Duplicate:** 0

From License Number: 41-339370

**Fee Code:** P40 **Transfers:** Transferred On: 22-JAN-2025

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### **OPERATING RESTRICTIONS:**

Sales, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. daily.

The quarterly gross sales of alcoholic beverages shall not exceed the quarterly gross sales of food during the same period. The licensee shall at all times maintain records which reflect separately the gross sale of food and the gross sales of alcoholic beverages of the licensed business. Said records shall be kept no less frequently than on a quarterly basis and shall be made available to the Department on demand.

The sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises is strictly prohibited.

The petitioner(s) shall be responsible for maintaining free of litter the area adjacent to the premises over which they have control, as depicted on the ABC-257 dated 8/28/24 and ABC-253 dated 8/28/24.

No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed on any property adjacent to the licensed premises under the control of the licensees.

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### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION:**

No Active Disciplinary Action found

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### **DISCIPLINARY HISTORY:**

No Disciplinary History found.

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### **HOLDS:**

No Active Holds found




Attachment C

## Inspection Details

### Facility

<b>Facility</b>	RUBIOS' #037
<b>Address</b>	25366 CRENSHAW BLVD
<b>City</b>	TORRANCE
<b>Zip</b>	90505
<b>Phone</b>	310-891-1811
<b>Facility ID</b>	FA0353634
<b>Last Inspection Date</b>	01/23/2025
<b>Program ID</b>	PR0314491

### Inspection

<b>Inspection Date</b>	01/23/2025
<b>Inspection Type</b>	ROUTINE INSPECTION
<b>Score</b>	97.0
<b>Violations</b>	
<b>Inspection Number</b>	DA4779217
<b>Service Request</b>	PR0314491
<b>Grade</b>	A
<b>Attachment OID</b>	AA525FCE-2194-443E-9677-B26E011D58DA

### Violations

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Torrance Police Department Intelligence Detail

# License Review Interview Summary

Detective Lucas Ryono [REDACTED]

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To:

**Suzanne Bittner**  
License Supervisor

Date: 03/20/2025

From:

**Detective Lucas Ryono**  
Intelligence Section

Subject:

**Rubio's 037 – "The Original Fish Taco LLC"**  
25366 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance, CA 90505 / [REDACTED]

License Review Board Hearing – April 17, 2025

Licensee:

**Garcia, Eric (General Manager)** [REDACTED]

On 20 MAR 25, I interviewed Eric Garcia regarding his company's application for a business license for Rubio's 037, a restaurant located at 25366 Crenshaw Blvd., in the City of Torrance.

Rubio's is a pre-existing business at the location that is being taken over by a new corporation, "The Original Fish Taco LLC." The corporation has numerous other Rubio's restaurants throughout the state.

The restaurant will feature Mexican-style food with beer and wine options. Mr. Garcia has worked in alcohol sales for approximately 22 years through his employment with Rubio's. They are currently applying for a Type 41, "On-Sale Beer and Wine-Eating Place" license.

I discussed the local codes and laws that pertain to this business, as well as the conditions that exist on the license. I furnished the licensee with a copy of the Applicable Code Highlights for ABC "On-Sale" Licensed Businesses. In addition, we completed the Torrance Police Department Alcohol Beverage License Indoctrination Form together. Garcia signed the forms in my presence, indicating that he understood the issues at hand.



**Detective Lucas Ryono**  
Intelligence Section



Torrance Police Department  
**Alcohol Beverage Licensee**  
 Indoctrination and Training

Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_ Language \_\_\_\_\_



**General Information**

Business Name Rubio's 037 Phone [REDACTED]

Licensees GARCIA, ERIC [REDACTED] (General Manager)

Who are the sole owners? ORIGINAL FISH TACO LLC  
 Is the business incorporated? YES  
 Is this reflected in the ABC License? YES  
 Are there other officers in the company? SALAZAR, LIZ (DISTRICT MANAGER)

Address 25366 CRENSHAW BLVD,

Do you have prior experience working in alcohol sales? YES  
 Where? RUBIO'S  
 How Many Years? 22 yrs

Type of License 41

Do you own any other businesses? MULTIPLE RUBIO'S



**Important Training Areas**

1. **How to check for identification.**

CR EE

- Presentation
- Type of acceptable identification
  - Valid government (not expired)
  - Photo
  - Date of birth

Methods of alteration.

Tricks used by minors.

Minors (under 21) are vertically displayed (not horizontal).

Spotters

It is important to establish a policy.

Whenever in doubt about an ID, consider it to be a fake.

**2. Criminal, administrative, and civil liabilities regarding sales of alcoholic beverages to minors or drunks.**

LN EG

Criminal citations or arrest, fines

ABC administrative hearings and fines

Civil suits

Loss of business license

Moral issues

**3. LEAD Seminar Training**

LN EG

If you are selling alcohol, you should attend a LEAD seminar.

These are hosted by ABC – Call the Lakewood office.

8 Hour course

You should attend with your key employees.

**4. Hours of sales and supervision of parking lot (posting).**

LN EG

45.4.9 TMC - Requires posting sign

If you are involved in off-site alcohol sales, you must post a sign stating there is no drinking in the parking lot.

45.4.8 TMC - No drinking in parking lot

You get a copy of this city ordinance today.

**5. Emergency and routine response by Patrol units.**

LN EG

Understand that the routine telephone number is to be used for routine service.

The 911 line is used for emergencies.

**6. Crime prevention and protection**

LN EG

What to look for and how to protect business and employees.

Employee problems

City ordinances

**7. Explanation of EASY, DECOY and STAKE programs.**

LN EG

The enforcement programs are not intended to entrap.  
The minors will be truthful and appear to be their age.  
These are intended to establish and enforce compliance.

**8. Explanation of Intelligence function.**

LR EG

"Eyes and ears in the community"

**9. Escort ordinances and hostess bars.**

LR EG

Do you have plans to offer a hostess or escort service?  
If, so here is a copy of the city ordinances related to  
to these issues.

**10. Prostitution and gambling are illegal.**

LR EG

**11. Age of employees and rules of service.**

LR EG

Off-sale only: 16-17 year olds may sell alcohol if supervised by someone over 21.  
18 year olds may serve alcohol but only if served with food.  
They can be a food server that also serves alcohol.  
21 and over can serve alcohol without restrictions.

**12. Sale of tobacco to juveniles**

LR EG

Are you selling tobacco?  
You have to be 21 years old to buy tobacco.  
Enforcement of laws and compliance checks  
via STAKE will take place.

**13. Adult Entertainment**

LR EG

Are you planning on providing entertainment?  
If so, you will need an entertainment permit.  
You can only have entertainment that is specifically  
allowed by your license.  
Are you planning on allowing dancing?  
If so, you will need a dance permit.  
Are you planning on selling adult videos or magazines?  
If so, you will need to make sure that the covers are not exposed  
to the general public and have a private/dedicated section.

**14. Understanding and Posting of Licenses**

CR ES

You must post your ABC alcohol license with business license.  
Conditions must be posted alongside this license.  
Review your conditions.

**15. Laws, Statutes and Municipal Codes Related to the Business**

Has Licensee(s) received a copy of the "ABC Regulations?" CR ES



**Training Confirmation**

I, as a licensee, fully understand all of the above information as related to me and will abide by all the rules and regulations. I also confirm that the above information is accurate.

[Redacted Signature]

Licensee

3.20.2025

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Licensee or Designated Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

[Redacted Signature]

Witness

3.20.25

Honorable Members of the License Review Board  
City Hall – West Annex Commission Room  
Torrance, California

Members of the License Review Board:

SUBJECT: Finance Department, Business License Division – Approve a  
business license for – Marukai Corporation, dba Toyko  
Central

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Finance Department, business license division to  
approve the business license with the conditions set forth by the California  
Department of Alcohol Beverage Control.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Steven Elliot manager at Marukai Corporation dba Toyko Central has made an  
application for approval of a business license to allow the operation of a grocery  
store selling alcohol.. The business is located 3665 Pacific Coast Highway in  
Torrance.

Per Section 31.7.1 subsection 4) of the Torrance Municipal Code, any business  
license application, at the discretion of the Assistant Finance Director, can be  
sent to the License Review Board for approval before issuance of the license.

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
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Suzanne Bittner  
License Supervisor

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SELECT APPLICABLE BOX:

NEW APPLICATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (greater than 50%)	<input type="checkbox"/>
CHANGE OF BUSINESS LOCATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHANGE OF NAME (Only)	<input type="checkbox"/>

PART I. APPLICANT TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION (print or type)

BUSINESS NAME OR DBA Tokyo Central	CORPORATE NAME (LEGAL ENTITY NAME IF DIFFERENT FROM BUSINESS NAME OR DBA) Marukai Corporation
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1. BUSINESS LOCATION (*physical business address - see note below) 3665 Pacific Coast Highway	Suite#	City Torrance	State CA	ZIP 90505
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2. MAILING ADDRESS OR PO/PMB BOX (required) 1740 W Artesia Blvd	Suite#	City Gardena	State CA	ZIP 90248
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3. IS THE BUSINESS LOCATED AT A RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (*select one)? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT#: [REDACTED]	EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
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NATURE OF BUSINESS (description of business activity in detail):  
Retail Grocery Store

FOR A BUSINESS LOCATED IN TORRANCE PROVIDE THE PRIMARY STANDARD INDUSTRY (SIC) CODE(S) (**see note below):	STATE WASTE DISCHARGER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (WDID#) (**if applicable - see note below):
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TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS (select one): Definition: A business entity utilizing scientific equipment and engineering techniques, microelectronics, data processing, genetic engineering, or telecommunications.	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
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RETAIL BUSINESS - WILL YOU BE SELLING CBD PRODUCTS? (select one): Definition: CBD is the cannabidiol compound derived from industrial hemp, cannabis, or other plant.	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
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CONTACT NAME: Steve Elliott	CONTACT TITLE: Store Manager	CONTACT PHONE #: [REDACTED]	BUSINESS PHONE #: (310) 436-4374	CELL PHONE #:
DRIVERS LICENSE OR OTHER GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID#:	SOCIAL SECURITY# (optional):	COMMERCIAL OFFICE SOFT:	# OF PEOPLE WORKING IN TORRANCE: [REDACTED]	# OF UNITS (apartments/hotels/mobile homes/vehicles):
FEDERAL TAX ID# (FEIN):	STATE TAX ID# (SEIN):	STATE CONTRACTORS LICENSE #:	STATE SELLERS PERMIT#:	

OWNERSHIP INFORMATION (check applicable box)	CORPORATION <input type="radio"/>	LLC <input type="radio"/>	PARTNERSHIP <input type="radio"/>	SOLE OWNERSHIP <input checked="" type="radio"/>
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NAMES OF OWNER, PARTNERS, OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS: Koichi Toyo	TITLE: President	NAMES OF OWNER, PARTNERS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS: Reid Matsumoto	TITLE: Officer
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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

# Alcoholic Beverage Control

**Report Date:** Monday, April 07, 2025

## LICENSE INFORMATION

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**Office of Application:** 03 - LB/LAKEWOOD

## BUSINESS NAME

TOKYO CENTRAL

## BUSINESS ADDRESS

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**County:** LOS ANGELES **Census Tract:** 6511.01

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**Address** 3665 PACIFIC COAST HWY  
**City** TORRANCE  
**Zip** 90505  
**Phone** 310-436-4374  
**Facility ID** FA0353263  
**Last Inspection Date** 02/24/2025  
**Program ID** PR0314091

## Inspection

**Inspection Date** 02/24/2025  
**Inspection Type** ROUTINE INSPECTION  
**Score** 93.0  
**Violations**   
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**Service Request** PR0314091  
**Grade** A  
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Torrance Police Department Intelligence Detail

License Review Interview Summary

Detective Lucas Ryono [REDACTED]

To:

**Suzanne Bittner**  
License Supervisor

Date: 04/03/2025

From:

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Subject:

**Tokyo Central – “Marukai Corporation”**  
**Vanshow Sushi & Bar – “Marukai Corporation”**  
3665 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, CA 90505 / [REDACTED]

License Review Board Hearing – April 17, 2025

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**General Information**

Business Name Tokyo Central Phone [REDACTED]

Licensees Elliot, Steven [REDACTED]

Who are the sole owners? MARUKAI CORPORATION

Is the business incorporated? YES

Is this reflected in the ABC License? YES

Are there other officers in the company? \_\_\_\_\_

KOICHI TOYO (PRESIDENT); REID MATSUMOTO (OFFICER)

Address 3665 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Do you have prior experience working in alcohol sales? YES

Where? Tokyo (central west coast)

How Many Years? 29 YRS

Type of License 21 / 86

Do you own any other businesses? N/A (Marukai owns Tokyo Central in California)



**Important Training Areas**

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OR SRE

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18 year olds may serve alcohol but only if served with food.  
They can be a food server that also serves alcohol.  
21 and over can serve alcohol without restrictions.

**12. Sale of tobacco to juveniles**

CR SPE

Are you selling tobacco?  
You have to be 21 years old to buy tobacco.  
Enforcement of laws and compliance checks  
via STAKE will take place.

**13. Adult Entertainment**

CR SPE

Are you planning on providing entertainment?  
If so, you will need an entertainment permit.  
You can only have entertainment that is specifically  
allowed by your license.  
Are you planning on allowing dancing?  
If so, you will need a dance permit.  
Are you planning on selling adult videos or magazines?  
If so, you will need to make sure that the covers are not exposed  
to the general public and have a private/dedicated section.

**14. Understanding and Posting of Licenses**

LA SRE

You must post your ABC alcohol license with business license.  
Conditions must be posted alongside this license.  
Review your conditions.

**15. Laws, Statutes and Municipal Codes Related to the Business**

Has Licensee(s) received a copy of the "ABC Regulations?" LA SRE



**Training Confirmation**

I, as a licensee, fully understand all of the above information as related to me and will abide by all the rules and regulations. I also confirm that the above information is accurate.

[Redacted Signature]

Licensee

4/3/25

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Licensee or Designated Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

[Redacted Signature]

4-3-25

[Redacted Signature]

Witness

Honorable Members of the License Review Board  
City Hall – West Annex Commission Room  
Torrance, California

Members of the License Review Board:

SUBJECT: Finance Department, Business License Division – Approve a  
business license for – Marukai Corporation, dba Vanshow  
Sushi & Bar

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Finance Department, business license division to  
approve the business license with the conditions set forth by the California  
Department of Alcohol Beverage Control.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Koichi Sasaki manager at Marukai Corporation dba Vanshow Sushi & Bar has  
made an application for approval of a business license to allow the operation of a  
restaurant serving alcohol. The business is located 25366 Crenshaw Boulevard  
in Torrance.


Per Section 31.7.1 subsection 4) of the Torrance Municipal Code, any business  
license application, at the discretion of the Assistant Finance Director, can be  
sent to the License Review Board for approval before issuance of the license.

Respectfully submitted,

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Suzanne Bittner  
License Supervisor

Attachment A: Business License Application  
Attachment B: California Department of ABC License Query  
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Please call the Business License Office at 310-618-5923 for fee amounts. Payment must be submitted with your application.



**City of Torrance, Revenue Division**  
**Business License Application**  
 3031 Torrance Blvd, Torrance, CA 90503  
 (P) 310-618-5923 (F) 310-618-5852  
 revenue@torranceca.gov

**SELECT APPLICABLE BOX:**

NEW APPLICATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (greater than 50%)	<input type="checkbox"/>
CHANGE OF BUSINESS LOCATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHANGE OF NAME (Only)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**PART I. APPLICANT TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION (print or type)**

BUSINESS NAME OR DBA <b>Vanshow Sushi &amp; Bar</b>		CORPORATE NAME (LEGAL ENTITY NAME IF DIFFERENT FROM BUSINESS NAME OR DBA) <b>Marukai Corporation</b>	
1. BUSINESS LOCATION (*physical business address - see note below) <b>3665 Pacific Coast Highway</b>	Suite#	City <b>Torrance</b>	State ZIP <b>CA 90505</b>
2. MAILING ADDRESS OR PO/PMB BOX (required) <b>1740 W Artesia Blvd</b>	Suite#	City <b>Gardena</b>	State ZIP <b>CA 90248</b>
3. IS THE BUSINESS LOCATED AT A RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (*select one)? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT#:	EMAIL ADDRESS:	
NATURE OF BUSINESS (description of business activity in detail): <b>Sushi Restaurant</b>			
FOR A BUSINESS LOCATED IN TORRANCE PROVIDE THE PRIMARY STANDARD INDUSTRY (SIC) CODE(S) (**see note below):		STATE WASTE DISCHARGER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (WDID#) (**if applicable - see note below):	
TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS (select one): Definition: A business entity utilizing scientific equipment and engineering techniques, microelectronics, data processing, genetic engineering, or telecommunications.		YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
RETAIL BUSINESS - WILL YOU BE SELLING CBD PRODUCTS? (select one): Definition: CBD is the cannabidiol compound derived from industrial hemp, cannabis or otherwise.		YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
CONTACT NAME: <b>Katsuyuki Wako</b>	CONTACT TITLE: <b>Dining Manager</b>	CONTACT PHONE #: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	BUSINESS PHONE #: <b>(310) 436-4375</b>
DRIVERS LICENSE OR OTHER GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID#:	SOCIAL SECURITY# (optional):	COMMERCIAL OFFICE SQFT:	# OF PEOPLE WORKING IN TORRANCE: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
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NAMES OF OWNER, PARTNERS, OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS: <b>Koichi Toyo</b>		NAMES OF OWNER, PARTNERS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS: <b>Reid Matusmoto</b>	
TITLE: <b>President</b>		TITLE: <b>Officer</b>	

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# Alcoholic Beverage Control

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**Report Date:** Monday, April 07, 2025

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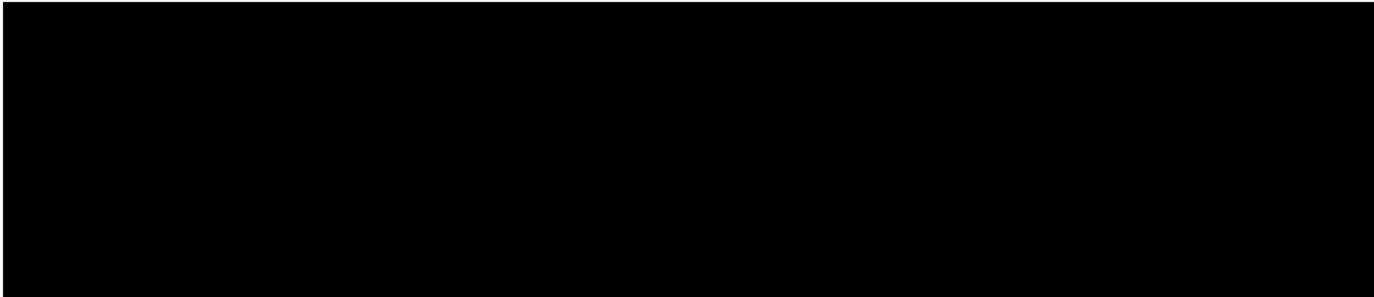
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**General Information**

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Licensees Sasaki, Koichi [REDACTED]  
(manager)

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Is the business incorporated? YES

Is this reflected in the ABC License? YES

Are there other officers in the company?

Koichi TOYO (PRESIDENT); REID MATSUOKA (OFFICER)

Address #1 3665 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Do you have prior experience working in alcohol sales? YES

Where? Wakasakura restaurant (Garden)

How Many Years? 15 years

Type of License 41 ON-SALE BEER & WINE

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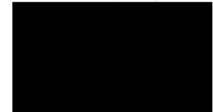
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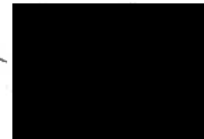
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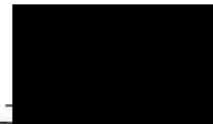
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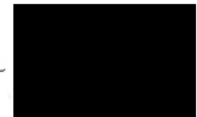
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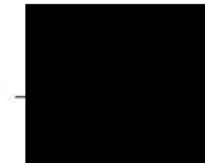
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18 year olds may serve alcohol but only if served with food.  
They can be a food server that also serves alcohol.  
21 and over can serve alcohol without restrictions.

**12. Sale of tobacco to juveniles**

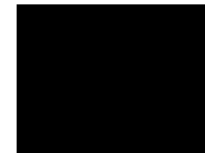
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Are you selling tobacco?  
You have to be 21 years old to buy tobacco.  
Enforcement of laws and compliance checks  
via STAKE will take place.

**13. Adult Entertainment**

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Are you planning on providing entertainment?  
If so, you will need an entertainment permit.  
You can only have entertainment that is specifically  
allowed by your license.  
Are you planning on allowing dancing?  
If so, you will need a dance permit.  
Are you planning on selling adult videos or magazines?  
If so, you will need to make sure that the covers are not exposed  
to the general public and have a private/dedicated section.

