

just between us

Southern California's top planners share their secrets.



THE PLANNER

Alexandra Kolendrianos
Santa Barbara
(323) 363-9005

YEARS IN THE BIZ

Alexandra has been planning weddings for 8 years.

SECRET WEAPON

Organization and a talented team of professional vendors.



THE PLANNER

Julie Pryor
Pryor Events
Los Angeles
(310) 478-1767

YEARS IN THE BIZ

Julie has had her business for 15 years.

SECRET WEAPON

Unparalleled dedication to her clients.



THE PLANNER

Jesi Haack
Newport Beach
(714) 717-3760

YEARS IN THE BIZ

Jesi has been in the business for 5 years.

SECRET WEAPON

Helping couples define their statement, not someone else's.



brand-new venue

"One of the newest venues in Los Angeles that I am dying to with work is The London West Hollywood (310-854-1111, TheLondonWestHollywood.com). With garden settings, glamorous ballrooms and (my fave) a rooftop terrace, The London West Hollywood offers killer backdrops for a totally dynamic event!" —Jesi

berry tasty

"Offer a local dessert. Fruit is almost always sweet and delicious in Southern California, so ask your caterer to source produce from local farmers markets. Harry's Berries at the Santa Monica Farmers Market has the sweetest berries on the planet!" —Julie

bridal pampering

"Take a break from wedding planning and schedule a facial appointment with Susan Ciminelli, who splits her time between The Private Sanctuary in Montecito, (805-695-8448, SusanCiminelli.com) and her exclusive New York spa." —Alexandra

pretty tents

"Take advantage of the outdoors as much as possible. We are fortunate to live in a mild climate and I encourage my clients to at least have part of their wedding outdoors. Of course, you should always have a back-up plan in case of rain. I love Raj Tents (310-329-8222, RajTents.com) for unique, colorful tents." —Julie

local flavors

"Guests are sure to enjoy two-ounce bottles of olive oil from Olive Hill Farm (805-688-3700, OliveHillOil.com). It's a family-owned and -operated farm located in the hills of the Santa Ynez Valley. The olives are handpicked and locally milled."

—Alexandra



cool treats

"It's sunny and warm 99 percent of the time here, so I've been encouraging couples to offer fun, refreshing snow cone cocktails. Talk to Jay's Catering in Garden Grove (714-636-6045, JaysCatering.com). What better way to wow guests than with shaved ice and yummy flavors?" —Jesi



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