San Francisco Dining Guide – 2014

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Civic Center/Tenderloin Neighborhood

Off the Grid - Civic Center Plaza (Friday) UN Plaza (Tuesday and Thursday) – 5 food trucks 11am - 3pm – live music 12:00-1:30.

Soluna – 272 McAllister (at Larkin) 621-2200 (\$\$). Soups, salads, sandwiches and pasta. Lunch and dinner. M-F 11:30am- 10pm, Sat 5pm- 10pm

Elmira Rosticceria - 154 McAllister St. (at Hyde)551-7332

The menu is all about Italian-influenced sandwiches, salads, and breakfast. In the sandwich department, The menu will change seasonally, with lots of items sourced from the neighboring UN Plaza Farmers' Market, and should expand to include a few more sandwich offerings in the next few weeks. At breakfast, find housemade pastries, steel-cut oatmeal, a three-cheese omelet with herbs, and a breakfast egg sandwich

Morty's Delicatessen - 280 Golden Gate Ave. (at Hyde St.) 567-3354 (\$). Fresh sandwiches, salads and soups. Mon-Sat 8am-7pm.

Bistro 10UN - The International Culinary School at the Art Institute of California-San Francisco, 10 United Nations Building, 6th floor, 1130 Market St., 276-4048; \$15 for a three-course meal, \$12 for two courses. Reservations are a must. Tues.-Fri. 11:45am to 1:45pm (closed during school breaks check the website) http://www.bistro10un.com

MJ's Cafe - 87 McAllister St. at Leavenworth. Inexpensive option for breakfast (they currently have bagel + cream cheese + large coffee for \$3 deal) and lunch (sandwiches, hot sandwiches, salad bar, dim sum, soup of the day, noodle soups like wonton and ramen). Drinks include standard coffee and espresso beverages, iced tapioca tea.

Max's Opera Cafe - 601 Van Ness Ave, 771-7301(\$\$). Sandwiches, salad, Jewish deli type food, traditional American foods, take out counter. Monday-Thursday 11am- 10pm, Fri 11am- 11pm, Sat 10am- 11pm, Dun 10am- 10pm.

Mr. Crave Bistro and Cafe – 655 Ellis St. 321-8899 – At the Cova Hotel - Breakfast, Lunch, Tapas and weekend Brunch.

<u>MelaTandoori Kitchen -</u>. 536 Golden Gate Ave. at Van Ness, 447-4041. A buffet lunch of Northern Indian and Pakistani dishes is be available for \$10.95, it's all you can eat, featuring classics like tikka masala, aloo gobi, and channa masala, with rotating dishes daily. This location has 50 seats, plus an upstairs level. Open Mon-Fri 11am-3pm

Turk & Larkin Deli - 476 Turk St. 771-6889 (\$) Deli, \$5.00 chicken meal, caesar and ambrosia. Mon-Fri 9am- 3:30pm.

Mazza Luna – Lebanese cuisine - 810 Van Ness Ave. 829-2730 Lunch: Monday to Sunday | 11:00am to 02:30pm | Dinner: Friday~Saturday 05:00pm to 11:00pm | Dinner: Rest of the Days 5:00pm to 10:00pm | http://mazzaluna.com/

Soul Groove - 422 Larkin St (between Golden Gate Ave & Turk St) 734-7598. Specializing in the Chicken and Waffle Sandwich (and it's veggie, vegan, and glutenfree derivatives) http://www.chickenandwafflesandwich.com/

Red Crawfish – Cajun/Creole/Seafood/Vietnamese - 611 Larkin (between Eddy and Willow). 771-1388. They serve standard Vietnamese fare during the day but at night, this place is great the crawfish is the best outside New Orleans, their sauce is to die for, Happy Hour specials between 4pm-7pm.

Brenda's French Soul Food (Libby Jane Café) - 632 Polk St. (at Eddy) 345-8100 (\$\$). Owner Brenda Buenviaje, born and raised in New Orleans, offers breakfast and lunch. Expect some beignets (savory and sweet) with a twist, Egg dishes, gumbo, po' boys - everything under \$10. Open weekdays for breakfast and lunch. Go early or late at lunch/brunch - avoid a wait.

Libby Jane Cafe - 644 Polk St. (at Eddy) Chicory coffe and espresso drinks from Ritual while you're standing around, and you can also snag one of the famous biscuits. Takeaway sandwiches, soups (hello, gumbo), and some canned items as well, like their jams and watermelon pickles. There's a short counter inside with room for six to eight, but otherwise it's a grab-and-go kind of place. Hours Mon-Fri 7am-3pm, Sat-Sun 8am-3pm.

Delany's – 710 Polk St. (at Eddy) 440-2022. Here's where you have to go when you cannot get into Brenda's because there is not much nearby. The menu is a bit lacking focus. It feels like they are trying to be a lot of different things and haven't figured out their core identity. They've got salads, pasta, burgers, burritos, nachos, salmon, and other stuff. Also, they serve breakfast.

Jane- 925 Larkin St. at Geary - The popular café on Upper Fillmore is opening a second Jane in the Tenderloin before the end of February. The offerings will be very similar to the Fillmore location, with Stumptown coffee, and soups, salads, and sandwiches that tend to the healthier side. The layout will also be similar, with tables in the front, and the counter toward the back. Hours will be daily 7am-6pm. http://janeonfillmore.com

De Afghanan Kebab House – 1035 Geary Street (at Polk). Kabobs, bolani and other Afghan specialties at this new spot, which is now open for lunch and dinner. Hours Tues-Sun. 12:00-10:00 pm http://deafghanancuisine.com

Hooker's Sweet Treats - 442 Hyde St. at Ellis. They carry David Williams' sea saltorange cream-dark chocolate caramels, espresso drinks, a daily batch of bread pudding with a caramel sauce, caramel corn (in the late morning) and French-press coffee from Sightglass Coffee. Tues-Fri 8am- 4pm, and Sat 10am- 2pm. http://hookerssweettreats.com/

Chinese

Hai Ky Mi Gia - 707 Ellis Street. 771-2577(\$). Vietnamese/Chinese noodles at its best. Not a lot of atmosphere, but authentic. Yummy braised duck legs. Keep an eye out for Ethel.

Ken's Kitchen - 700 Polk St. (at Eddy) - 351-2188 (\$) Lunch items \$6.95. Food is average, but there are many dishes to choose from. Not a large place, but is pretty quick service

Emperor's Kitchen - 418 Larkin St. 922-0380. Steam table Chinese to go, lots of choices and huge quantities for cheap, they also have dim sum. They have a few small tables. Open 8:00-6:00 daily.

Golden Kim Tar – 434 Larkin St. 346-8889. American and Chinese breakfast including for under \$5. Rice plates can be ordered with brown rice. It can be a godsend or as bad as it gets based on what you order. First Rule: It should be fried. Stir Fried, deep Fried, whatever. Second Rule: Don't order anything that looks like Vietnamese food. It is all terrible. Third and most important: Remember this is the Tenderloin.

Golden Era (Vegetarian Chinese/Vietnamese) – 572 O'Farrell, 673-3136 (\$-\$\$). Step down Golden Era's short, dark flight of stairs and you'll be rewarded with a large, open dining room, topped by cheap chandeliers and tended to by a friendly, very Zenlike waitstaff. Specializes in Vegetarian Vietnamese/Chinese cuisine, with an emphasis on meat alternatives. The menu is extensive and includes a variety of soups, noodle dishes, favorite fake meat entrees, vegetable items for purists, appetizers, desserts and beverages.

<u>Japanese</u>

Elephant Sushi – 380 Golden Gate Ave. (at Larkin) 359-9001. Takeout sushi www.elephantsushi.com

2G Japanese Brasserie – 601 Van Ness, 292-9997(\$\$). [Formerly Shima Sushi]. Japanese influenced breakfasts, traditional Japanese lunches, and French inspired Japanese dinners, along with a full sushi bar. Open Mon-Fri. 7:00 am-10:30 pm.

Nojo – 231 Franklin St. (at Hayes) 896-4587 Japanese Izakaya, the modern decor speaks to the modern twist they put on izakaya, definitely geared more towards an American palate. A daily-changing menu that consists of those items served on a stick and some that aren't. Wed – Fri 11:30-2:00. http://www.nojosf.com/

Shanghai Teriyaki – 380 Golden Gate Ave (at Larkin St) 563-8138. CLOSED

Otoro – 205 Oak Street (between Gough St & Octavia St) (415) 553-3986. Considered a Japanese Tapas place with sushi, rolls and noodles. A Japanese restaurant with actual Japanese chefs. Reasonable fish selection and prices. The seating is ample and lots of tables, so easy for groups.

The One Sushi & Lounge - 429 Gough St. 551-1668 Fresh, generous and inventive. Lunch specials and happy hour offers are unbeatable. http://www.theonesushi.com/ Try their signature rolls. Mon - Fri: 11:30am - 2:30pm and re-opening at 5:00pm.

Bento House – 448 Larkin Street, 931-9988 (\$\$) 12 appetizers, 10 salads Noodle Soups (udon or soba), Bento from \$8 to \$12, Donburi Rice Bowls 10 Sushi and Sashimi Combo including Chirashi for \$12. The food is very average.

Sushi Domo - 511 Laguna St (at Hayes) – Very small – only seats 18, apparently worth the wait. Casual atmosphere. Fresh, yummy sushi and rolls. http://www.domosf.com/

<u>Mexican</u>

Taqueria El Castillito - 370 Golden Gate (\$). Tacqueria

Caliente Restaurant – 86 McAllister (\$) – Tacqueria.

Tacqueria Cancun - 1003 Market St (at 6th) 864-6773 (\$) - Not the best neighborhood, crummy 6th & Market location. The place is grimy; you can usually tell what the person who was seated at your table before you just had. Authentic Mission-style burritos, cheap prices, beef tongue and beef head for the adventurous, cheap, tasty, greasy corn quesadilas with white queso oozing from every bite.

Thai

Lers Ros Thai - 730 Larkin St 931-6917 (\$).- Authentic, absolutely delicious and an inexpensive meal. You really can't go wrong with any of the dishes, the food is great and spicy, can be really SPICY so, if you're not into it ask for something mild and order a Thai Iced Tea too -- you'll still definitely need it. Probably has the best Pad Thai ever, and the whole fried fish: yummy. Open in Hayes Valley as well.

O3 Bistro and Lounge – 524 Van Ness (@McAllister) 934-9800. Formerly at Fusion restaurant – now full Thai menu and a good happy hour. http://www.o3restaurant.com/

Thai Idea Vegetarian - 710 Polk St (between Eddy St & Willow St) 440-8344 Open M-F 11:00 – 3:00 pm. All vegetarian and vegan dishes (some faux meat dishes) Beautiful interior, friendly service and the reviews say the food is tasty.

Lalita - 96 McAllister Street (at Leavenworth) 552-5744 (\$). Has the nicest atmosphere of the local Thai restaurants. Good place for large parties and you can order ahead. M-F 11:00-10:00, 3:00-6:00 Happy Hour.

Zen Yai (formerly Racha Café and SF Thai BBQ) - 771 Ellis Street (between Larkin and Polk), 885-0725 (\$). Pretty tasty and reasonable, good lunch combo's for \$6.95, good seafood claypot and pumpkin curry.

Sai Jai Thai - 771 O'Farrell Street (between Hyde St & Larkin St) 673-5774. The service is attentive, friendly and quick. Sketchy neighborhood, but the restaurant itself is clean and cheerful.

Thai House Express: 901 Larkin St.(at Geary) 441-2248 (\$). This bright and perky restaurant on the edge of the Tenderloin offers a more casual and inexpensive menu, regional dishes seldom seen in other Thai restaurants, such as kao soi, a northern curry noodle dish, and sai oou, a northeastern spicy sausage appetizer.

Turkish/Mediterranean

A La Turca -869 Geary (at Larkin and Hyde), 345-1011 (\$-\$\$). Informal atmosphere, delicious hummus, excellent pides, a long flat piece of dough, stuffed with various ingredients, then baked. a large selection of "Black Sea Pies" -- including ground beef w/roasted onion, feta and tomato, chicken and mushroom, chicken and pineapple, and spinach -- around \$3.75. They bake their own bread on premises and it is awesome. Turkish tea. L/D, AE/MC/V.

Gyro King – 25 Grove St. (between Larkin & Hyde), 621-8313 (\$). Lots of kebabs and gyros, hummus, dolma, Bindu's favorite chicken salad, eggplant salad, and of course baklava fistikli for dessert. It's all cheap, and it makes for a good, quick Civic Center lunch, L/D, MC/V.

Liba Falafel Truck – Alternating Fridays in Civic Center Plaza across from City Hall The falafels are good (and the falafel bowl) and the sweet potato fries, but it is the gourmet (free) topping bar that make this a special lunch, Tomato Cucumber Salad with Mint, Red Cabbage with Black Sesame Seed, Spiced Carrot Ribbons, Red Beets with Lemon and Thyme, Dill Cardamom Pickle, Hummus, Harissa Hot Sauce and more. http://libafalafel.com

Brass Knuckle – 749 Larkin St. (at O'Farrell) Over-the-top meaty sandwiches and fruit drinks. New brick and mortar from food truck favorite. http://www.brassknucklesf.com/

Korean

Jin Mi Korean Cuisine- 366 Golden Gate (between Larkin & Hyde) 834-5007 BBQ & Tofu open for lunch and dinner (\$).

Aria Korean American Snack Bar - 932 Larkin St (between Post St & Geary St) 292-6914. Open at noon through 9pm daily. Mostly a takeout place with a couple of tables – Try the crispy chicken with garlic soy sauce – addicting!

Dong Baek – 631 O'Farrell, 776-1898 (\$). Decent Korean lunch at good prices. Sketchy walk there and back - in the heart of the Tenderloin.

Anna's Teriyaki – Korean American breakfast and lunch - 83 9th St (between Jessie St & Larkin St) 864-3780. Apparently you can get pancakes or Bi Bim Bap. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays this is the place to get a great Korean lunch special which includes spicy pork or bulgogi with side salad and Korean noodles.

<u>Vietnamese - Banh Mi (sandwiches)</u>

Balo Vietnamese Eatery- 426 Larkin St. (at Golden Gate & Turk St) 525-4923. Their menu is limited to 8 different kinds of Vietnamese sandwiches (\$4), salads and spring rolls for now, but they will be serving more items in the near future.

Lee's Sandwiches - 625 Larkin Street 929-6888 (\$) - A variety of Vietnamese and American sandwiches, pork and chicken buns and oodles of mysterious meats and prepackaged snacks.

Saigon Deli (sandwiches) - 560 Larkin St. (at Eddy) 474-5698 (\$). This tiny counter sets the standard for banh mi, the French-Vietnamese sandwich on a hot, crisp roll. Each bite delivers crunchy crust, barbecued pork or chicken and a blast of fresh cilantro, carrot and jalapeño, with a smear of mayonnaisey special sauce. Cash only

Sing Sing Sandwich Shop - 309 Hyde (between Eddy and Ellis) (\$) 885-5159 Banh Mi Sandwich: \$3.00The flavors of this sandwich has been said to make one think that they could find this literally on the back alley streets of Ho Chi Minh City or some other corner of Vietnam.

Vietnamese

Bodega Bistro, 607 Larkin St. (at Eddy), 921-1218(\$). Amazing green papaya salad, bo luc lac (shaking beef), little tender cubes of filet mignon swathed in a rich savory sauce, lime, salt and pepper enhance the flavors. Rice and noodle dishes, pork lettuce wraps, good pho. Open for lunch and dinner.

Turtle Tower – 409-3333 (\$), 645 Larkin St. Cash only Friday – Wed.(closed Thurs.) rated the best PhÔ in SF by the Chronicle. http://www.turtletowersf.com/

Mangosteen - 601 Larkin St (at Eddy) 776-3999 (\$), small nicely decorated hipster Vietnamese, spicy garlic noodles, lemongrass chicken, pho, vegetarian dishes.

Four Seasons- 721 Larkin (between Olive St & Ellis St) 674-4146

New to Little Saigon this place has a great menu with authentic Pho and Shaking beef with garlic noodles, glass noodles with crab. The restaurant is practically empty so go now before the word gets out.

Phô 2000 – 637 Larkin St. 474-1188 (\$). It has13 variations of pho it is a little expensive for pho at \$6.75+tax. The same cook/owner that was reviewed by the Chronicle and named the 4th best Pho in SF in 2006. This is southern Vietnamese style, so there's plenty of meat and all the fixins. Everything is fresh and clean because they are small & family owned.

Vietnam House - 642 Eddy St (between Larkin St & Polk St) (\$) 885-3361

Market Street area

Ananda Fuara - 1298 Market (at Larkin St), 621-1994 (\$), A Sri Chinmoy divine enterprise that specializes in delightful vegetarian and vegan cuisine. Don't forgo the delicious "Neatloaf" a house specialty, huge salads (try the Mexicana), yummy samosas. Excellent cake too. Very popular at lunchtime, there can be a wait. Open 8:00-8:00 M,T,TH, Fr, 8:00-3:00 W. L/D

Alta CA - 1420 Market St (between 10th St & Fell St) 590-2585 www.altaco.com Thanks to Twitter, mid-Market has an upscale dining establishment that is also open for lunch. Food and ambience are said the be top notch. The \$16 burger is getting raves. Hours: Mon-Fri 11 am - 2 am, Sat-Sun 5 pm - 2 am

Lunch Geek - 1475 Market (at 11th) 626-8888 – A hip new deli with Gourmet coffee and sandwiches. Healthy and traditional sandwiches (such as pastrami). They have a special Geek sauce which is an herb aioli.

Dottie's True Blue Café - 28 Sixth St. (at Stevenson) Same menu as the old location will be offered, along with the usual daily specials and house-made pastries. Hours Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and until 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. They are closed on Tuesdays.

Little Griddle – 1400 Market Street - a quaint space that serves up morning andlunch grub; french toast, griddle cakes, omelets, scrambles, burgers, fries. They have something called the donut burger, Niman ranch beef. Apple smoked BACON, cheese on a square donut bun.

Ma'Velous – 1408 Market Street (at Fell) - Coffee House that serves sandwiches and soups and salads as well.

Showdogs - 1020 Market St. (near Taylor and Sixth streets), across from the Golden Gate Theater. The menu of 10 to 12 sausages cull the best from Bay Area, wild boar, grass-fed beef, pork knockwurst, chicken, andouille, blood sausage and a beer-battered corn dog -have its own sauce. Fries, onion rings and beers on tap. New expanded menu for lunch and now serving great breakfast as well.

Machine Coffee and Deli -1024 Market St (Golden Gate Ave & Taylor St) 558-9560. As the name suggests, there is Four Barrel Coffee, offered in presses, espressos and as hand-cast cups of single origin beans; complimenting the joe is simple breakfast fare and baked goods, plus in-house smoked and roasted meats (overseen by Show Dog's resident charcutier Peter Temkin) Mon-Fri 8 am - 4 pm

Market Street Grill - Next to the Ramada Plaza at 1231 Market St. 487-4414. High prices even at lunch, but nice atmosphere and a decent menu

Littlejohn's Candies – 1422 Market Street – An 80-year tradition of making candy by hand one small batch at a time. Not much has changed here since the 1920s, right down to the candy makers in crisp white uniforms hand-crafting mouthwatering fudge, English toffee, caramels and other confections.

http://www.littlejohnscandies.com/

Hayes Valley

Absinthe - 398 Hayes St. (at Gough), 551-1590 (\$\$-\$\$\$), Rustic foods of southern France, fantastic onion soup, don't miss the fried chickpeas. AE/DC/MC/V. Lunch, Tues.-Sun. Reservations recommended.

Arlequin, 384B Hayes (at Gough) 863-0926 (\$). Offers light Provençal and Mediterranean food for takeout, panini sandwiches, salads, soup, tranquil garden in the rear. Expanded dining inside.

The Grove - 301 Hayes St. at Franklin 624-3953. (\$\$) Sandwiches, salads and soups, This location will also feature coffee from Verve, with the baristas receiving training at the Verve facility. Mon-Fri 7:00 am - 11:00 pm.

The Boxing Room - 399 Grove St. San Francisco 430-6590 (\$\$) Po' boys, muffuletta sandwiches, salads, beignets and some items from the dinner menu.

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Noir- 581 Hayes St. (at Laguna) is now hosting a lunchtime sandwich pop-up during the week called <u>*The Lunchpad*</u>.sandwiches which range from an Italian beef to the A-Bomb (roasted turkey with habanero candied bacon, pepper jack cheese, lettuce, tomato, red onion, and a smoked pepper aioli); look for soups and salads soon. They are open five days a week Mon-Fri 11am-2pm; they will additionally start serving breakfast in the next couple of weeks. You can keep track of 'em on Twitter.

Chez Maman West - 401 Gough St (between Hayes St & Ivy St) 355-9067 Chez Maman is a neighborhood restaurant with a bistro concept. Try a salad or burger for lunch, a mid-afternoon sweet crepe to a three course meal with a great bottle of French wine when you just don't feel like cooking. http://chezmamansf.com/

Flipper's - 482 Hayes Street, (\$) Huge hamburger's, great steak fries, sunny outdoor patio

Schulzie's Bread Pudding - 364 Hayes Street, At least 16 scoopable bread pudding options available per day, along with an Equator coffee and tea "bar." The cafe is open daily, until 8 p.m. on most days, and until 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Stacks- 501 Hayes St., 241-9011 Pastries galore and smiles all around. Grab a seat at our counter and enjoy a great homestyle breakfast. We're here to serve you the All-American Breakfast & Lunch seven days a week, soups & salads, sandwiches & burgers. Both breakfast & lunch served all day 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Paxti's Chicago Pizza - 511 Hayes St. (at Octavia) 558-9991 (\$-\$\$) A current Palo Alto hot spot, they opened a second location in November 2005. Patxi's (paw-cheese) This Chicago-style pizza restaurant offers only salad and pizza. Deep dish is the specialty, though thin crust is also available. Tuesday-Thursday 11:00am to 10:00pm and Friday-Saturday from 11:00am to 11:00pm

Double Decker - 465 Grove Street (between Gough and Octavia) 552-8042. Traditional, un-gourmet burger and wings. Open daily 10:30am-9pm.

La Boulange de Hayes - 500 Hayes (at Octavia) 863-3376. Pascal Rigo's concept is a semi-self-service cafe offering light meals and baked goods. Sandwiches are prepared there, while the soup, pastries and bread are made at his Pine Street Bay Bread facility.

Bar Jules – 609 Hayes St. (at Laguna). 621-5482. Open Tues.-Sun for Lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. A small menu of local and sustainable foods that changes daily. Open or lunch W-Sat.

Espetus Churrascaria - 1686 Market St. (at Gough), 552-8792 (\$\$). Brazilian churrascaria serves some excellent meat, especially the chicken. Huge skewers are laden with a variety of meats, poultry, and seafood. The giant salad bar at the rear you will not leave hungry Try the papaya cream for dessert. Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; dinner 5-10 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., until 10:30 Fri.-Sat. MC/V.

Stelline - 330 Gough (at Hayes) 626-4292 (\$\$), Old-fashioned Cal-Ital food like spaghetti and meatballs, gnocchi alla Bolognese, osso buco, chicken piccata and a few pizzas Lunch weekdays

Caffe Delle Stelle - 395 Hayes St. 252-1110 Tasty pastas, salads, -great caesar salad with fried calamari. and salads. Complimentary sparkling water and delicious bread with a rustic tomato spread. Mon. Sat. 11:00- 3:00; 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Mandarin Village - 101 Oak Street (at Franklin) (\$ A small restaurant, with fresh, large portions of standard inexpensive Chinese food.

Hayes Street Grill, 320 Hayes (at Franklin) 863-5545 (\$\$-\$\$\$), still offers a workable formula: the best fish, prepared with conservative expertise and offered with a choice of sauce and excellent pan fried oysters and pommes frites.

Canto do Brasil - Yeoman cooking, Brazilian style, 41 Franklin (at Oak), 626-8727 (\$\$). L/D, MC/V. Lunch served 11:00-3:00 M-Sat.

Zuni Cafe- 1658 Market (at Franklin), 552-2522. (\$\$\$),.The best caesar salad in the city. Try the hambuger and fries too.

The Sage Cafe- 340 Grove St. at Gough, 252-9887. A casual eatery in the Performing Arts garage.

Hayes and Kebab 580 Hayes St..,861-2977 This fast-casual restaurant has hummus and baba ghannoush, beef, chicken, and lamb kebabs, plus gyros made with beef and lamb.

20th Century Cafe – 198 Gough St. (at Oak) Partially open some limited menu choices like her delicious knishes, bagels, raspberry plum coffee cake, and ice cream in three flavors: peach leaf, chicory, and vanilla. They've got Blue Bottle espresso and coffee to go along with the pastries too. Current hours are 10am-6pm daily, closed Mondays. Like the menu, hours will likely expand in the coming weeks. 198 Gough St. at Oak.