

DTLB's Newest Eatery, Linden Public, Set for Grand Opening on Aug. 13

Linden Public, the new restaurant/coffeeshop/bar that overtook the former Greenhouse cafe, will have its official grand opening on August 13 after being softly opened for the past several weeks.

The latest venture by Hend Elarabi (who also owned The Greenhouse as well as ASHA, which is now occupied by Thai District) has been a long time in the making—and brings with it new life to the corner of Broadway and Linden with its hard-to-miss parklet on the southwest corner.

"I've always wanted to be my own boss so I wasn't going to give that up after I had to part ways with ASHA," Elarabi said. "That experience was draining—truly—and with Greenhouse being right next door, I just felt like a new slate was the best way to go."

Elarabi was born in Morocco before moving with her family to Studio City in 1990 and then directly to Long Beach. Working for Open Sesame in Belmont Shore, the food inspired her to return to her Moroccan roots and eventually inspired ASHA; with Linden Public, she is keeping hints of those Northern Africa and Middle Eastern roots alive while introducing items that focus heavily on veggies, local ingredients, and items that can pass for lunch or dinner.

A chicken tawook wrap sits next a smoked salmon panini while a lamb burger with feta sits next a falafel burger.

But Linden Public's main point is to appeal to all crowds, from the AM on-the-go wake-up crew to the business lunches to the after work beers.

The Tea & Toast and Coffee & Toast menus offer combos like the Avocado Cream Chia Toast (avocado, cream cheese, red onion, and chia seeds on two slices of toast and served with a 12 oz. tea) and Rosemary Gravy Toast (rosemary ground beef and bacon breakfast gravy over toast with a coffee). Both are \$7.

And given the massive new parklet—something already being used continuously by students and patrons alike to socialize, study, or drink brews—Elarabi's hopes for being a neighborhood hangout seem to already be coming to fruition.

"I wanted to create a place I would hang out at," Elarabi said. "I wanted to bring back what a lot of people felt they had with The Greenhouse but even better... We have some kinks to work out but we'll get there. Promise."

Linden Public, located at 149 Linden Ave., will have its grand opening on August 13.