



casa restaurant takes grand avenue january 6

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CASA, the brand-new Mexican restaurant and taqueria from the creators of Mendocino Farms, officially opens January 6th following a short soft opening phase that's been tailored to the Bunker Hill set, according to Director of Operations Sean Krajewski.

Last time *angelenic* [checked in with CASA](#), construction was still underway at the self-identified *authentic Mexican* restaurant. Though there are many standards on the menu, Chef Kris Morningstar has thrown in a few surprises after traveling up and down the coast looking for inspiration.

At lunchtime, a [two-step taqueria line](#) keeps hungry corporate workers moving along at a brisk pace – a smart move for a neighborhood that's beginning to find its dining niche.

Later in the evening [sit-down service is expanded](#) with tacos, ceviche, carne asada, carnitas and **braised rabbit**.

"Casitas" – intimate booths that defy the traditional leather-bound form – are designed for small parties, each serving its own purpose. A group of ladies hitting the town for a girls' night out may prefer a "see and be seen" booth, while friends celebrating a birthday may prefer a more private casita.

With a dearth of dinner options nearby, CASA is poised to grab attention, especially once the summer heats up with Grand Performances at Cal Plaza's Water Court.

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