



Encinitas' Union Kitchen & Tap Due Downtown in April

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UNION KITCHEN & TAP
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Eric Leitstein, who opened Encinitas' [Union Kitchen & Tap Room](#) [<http://localunion101.com/>](http://localunion101.com/) in 2011, is bringing a second version of his restaurant to the 5th Avenue spot [vacated by Donovan's Prime Seafood](#) [<http://sandiego.eater.com/archives/2013/12/03/the-shutter-10.php>](http://sandiego.eater.com/archives/2013/12/03/the-shutter-10.php) .

Scheduled to open later this month, the new downtown Union is headed up by chef **Sean Langlais**; **Jason Gethin**, who helmed Union's North County kitchen, moved on to [open his own restaurant](#) [<http://sandiego.eater.com/archives/2014/02/12/the-corner-to-turn-into-modern-new-american-eatery.php>](http://sandiego.eater.com/archives/2014/02/12/the-corner-to-turn-into-modern-new-american-eatery.php) in the East Village.

Langlais told Eater that this Union will launch in stages; they plan to start off lunch and dinner with an abbreviated menu of Union signature dishes and some of his own creations. A corner of the 8,000-square-foot space will be dedicated to a **cheese and charcuterie station** and two bars will serve all local beer, barrel-aged cocktails and more. Their license allows for live music and entertainment, so the communal table-filled lounge will reconfigure to accommodate bands, DJs and more.



A back section of the space, which can seat 100, will be used as a private dining room or for overflow; it'll be activated a month or so after the initial opening along with an expanded menu from Langlais, who plans give this downtown outpost **more of a seafood focus** (from sushi to shellfish) and do a weekend brunch.

- Union Kitchen & Tap <<http://localunion101.com>> [Official Site]
- Eater Tracking Coverage <<http://sandiego.eater.com/tags/eater-tracking#recent>> [~ESD~]