







LONG BEACH

Parklets hit SoCal

We hate to lose a good parking spot—unless we gain an alfresco dining room. Turning curbside areas into **urban parklets** is trendy in S.F., but here's to Long Beach for introducing the concept to the Southland. The first one is in front of Lola's Mexican Cuisine (2030 E. Fourth St.; 562/343-5506), where a prefab sustainable—wood deck surrounded by tall succulent-filled planters reclaims the street for diners kicking back with ceviche and organic agua fresca. If tables are full, head down the street to two other new parklets, at Number Nine (2118 E. Fourth) and Berlin (420 E. Fourth).



















































