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DBA Announces Signature Walking BRUNCH Tour of Downtown Berkeley Press Kick-Off /VIP Food Tour March 9th

(Berkeley, CA) — As part of Downtown Berkeley's "Winter Magic" seasonal programming, the Downtown Berkeley Association is excited to announce the launch a first of its kind **Downtown Berkeley Walking Brunch Tour**. The DBA has partnered with Bay Area food tour pioneers <u>Edible Excursions</u> to develop a delicious and informative walking brunch food tour sampling the incredible diversity of the exciting Downtown Berkeley food scene.

In celebration of the launch of this signature Downtown Berkeley experience, the DBA will be hosting an exclusive press kick-off/VIP walking brunch tour event on March 9th, 2018, 11am-2pm. Interested press should RSVP to mjervis@downtownberkeley.com. Space is limited.

Knowledgeable Bay Area epicurean concierges - many of them chefs and food writers; all of them knowledgeable locals - will guide **weekly** tours through Downtown Berkeley that stop at some of the most popular East Bay restaurants in Downtown Berkeley. Food-loving guests will sample half a dozen generous dishes and drinks that tell the story of the local food scene. They'll also have unique behind-the-scenes access to local chefs and restaurateurs who will talk about the award-winning East Bay culinary scene with a Berkeley perspective. The initial line-up of participating Downtown Berkeley restaurants will include:

- Baked goods from Babette Café
- Arancini or a brunch pizza from PIQ Bakery
- A gourmet burger from Gather
- Yemini brunch or shakshuka from Saha
- An amaro cocktail with decadent dessert from Gio's Pizza and Bocce

More restaurants will participate in the future. This walking food tour showcases what Edible Excursions does best: great food, engaging restaurant personalities, and an authentic and informative neighborhood experience through food.

"We are so excited to finalize this amazing tour and to offer it to people looking for a fun and delicious way to sample some of the best food in the East Bay!" says Lisa Rogovin, Founder and CEO of Edible Excursions.

According to John Caner, CEO, DBA, "Lisa and Edible Excursions have been amazing partners on this project and have expertly crafted a unique and authentic way for people to check out the diverse Downtown Berkeley food scene!"

Beginning March 7th, 2018, the Downtown Berkeley Walking BRUNCH Tour will be open to the public every Sunday 11am-2pm. Reservations for groups or single tickets can be made through EdibleExcursions.NET. Tickets will be \$110 inclusive of taxes and booking fees. Gratuity is not included.

<u>The Downtown Berkeley Association</u> is an independent nonprofit organization, funded by Downtown property owners, and focused on creating a welcoming, vibrant and prosperous City Center.

<u>Edible Excursions</u> is an award-winning walking food tour company offering culinary experiences throughout San Francisco, Berkeley, and Oakland.