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Joya

Latin American 

Cheerfully occupying the corner of University and Florence in Palo Alto, Joya is filled with natural light and a sunshiney vibe—from its yuppy clientele. Happy hours truly are, with the cocktail crowd sipping guava mojitos at the central bar and lounge. As the rum flows, the noise continues to crank—but nobody here minds a bit.

Tile floors and leather chairs accent the vivacious space where colorful Latin American small plates and entrées are served in the dining room. Joya is best enjoyed with a group of friends, so grab your pals and share plates of corn *croquetas* deep-fried with English peas and pasilla peppers; roasted chicken *sopes* with chipotle-tomato sauce; and boldly flavored short rib tacos with jicama salsa and horseradish cream.



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