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Former sous chef for **Urban Plates** in Los Angeles, Ernesto Moreno, will serve as executive chef at the all-organic **Pachamana**, due to open in Normal Heights in July by former professional tennis player and model, Victoria Vannucci of Argentina.



In keeping with the restaurant's South American slant, the chef will replicate dishes indigenous to Peru, Columbia, Venezuela, Argentina and Chile, as well as Mexico and Cuba.

Moreno was also a kitchen manager at the Los Angeles location of **Cafe Gratitude**, the plant-based restaurant with a local branch in Little Italy. A native of San Diego County, his menu will feature only a small amount of animal proteins sourced from humanely raised livestock. 3737 Adams Ave., 619-363-2358, [whoispachamama.com](http://whoispachamama.com).