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## San Francisco Nonprofit La Cocina Aids Female Food Entrepreneurs

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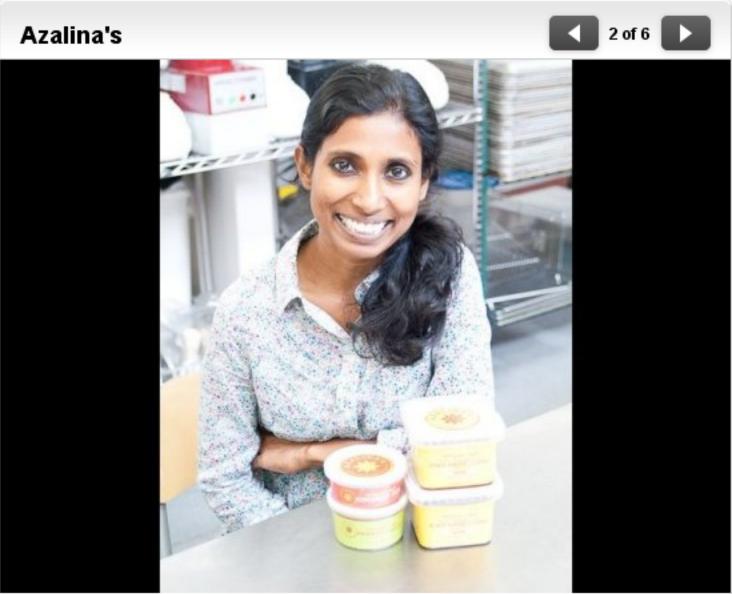
San Francisco is an innovative town for many reasons. An example is La Cocina, a non-profit organization that focuses on mentoring low-income and immigrant women entrepreneurs to jump start and grow their food businesses. Below we've highlighted some of the success stories that have flourished from their kitchen and the food that tastes good and makes you feel good.



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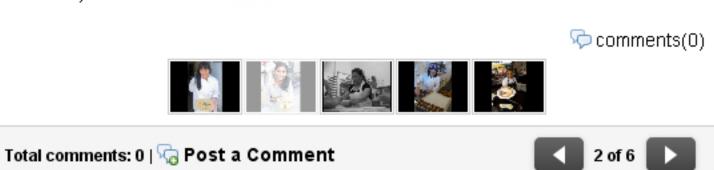
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A former pastry chef from Malaysia, Azalina Eusope had a tough time finding her beloved native foods in SF. She started cooking her favorite dishes, which eventually led to her to join La Cocina's incubator program. "The people that run La Cocina really contributed and helped me get going and successfully launch my business," Eusope said. She now has a retail line of Malaysian sauces as well as Kaya, a luscious coconut jam. All products are now available at several Bay Area Whole Foods stores.

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