



Photos: Tamales de La Paz Event in 2008

Last year's 10-Foot Tamale de la Paz

TAMALES DE LA PAZ (PEACE): A Community Gathering at MacArthur Park

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THE 10 TOP HOT TAMALES OF LOS ANGELES!

Community leaders will gather on Thursday, April 30 from 5:00 pm to dusk in a show of community solidarity that has helped reverse decades of disinvestment into neighborhood reinvestment within the MacArthur Park/Westlake District. LA Councilmember Ed P. Reyes - First District, LA City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, LA Police Chief William J. Bratton, and CA Assemblymember John A. Pérez - 46th District, are confirmed to speak at the event starting at 6:00 pm. LA Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa is invited to speak.

A first time ever award fondly called **THE 10 TOP HOT TAMALES OF LOS ANGELES** will honor 10 community builders who have helped begin to change the MacArthur Park neighborhood from a "crime-filled point of destination" into a "growing art, business, cultural, educational, recreational, residential, service, and social point of destination." The award will be given during the 6 pm program portion of Tamales de la Paz (Peace) which is an event that will further the existing Rediscover MacArthur Park Campaign which is dedicated to revitalizing the neighborhood and surrounding areas through community partnerships that provide local health, safety, business, festive, educational, recreational, and social service activities.

THE 10 TOP HOT TAMALES OF LOS ANGELES are

1. LA Councilmember Ed P. Reyes - First District;
2. LA Police Chief William J. Bratton, Los Angeles Police Department;
3. Bishop J. Jon Bruno, Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles;
4. Arturo Martinez, Deputy City Attorney, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office;
5. Albert Torres, Interim Chief Park Ranger/ Department of Recreation and Parks;
6. Barbosa Polverini, Board Member, Levitt Pavilion at MacArthur Park;
7. Karen Mack, Executive Director, LA Commons;
8. Jackie Jones, Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment Business Development Center;
9. Norm Langer, Langer's Delicatessen and Restaurant;
10. Joe Colletti, PhD, Episcopal Housing Alliance and Economic Development.

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