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L.A. Weekly Announces Tacolandia 2016, Our Largest Tacolandia Ever Saturday, June 11 from 3 to 7 p.m. at El Pueblo de Los Angeles in DTLA

L.A. Weekly is excited to present Tacolandia 2016, our fourth annual gourmet taco festival. Taking place on Saturday, June 11 from 3 to 7 p.m. at downtown's El Pueblo de Los Angeles, the event will feature more than 100 top taco vendors curated by the World's First Tacorazzo, Bill Esparza.

"Tacolandia represents my personal picks of the best tacos in L.A. and beyond, regardless of whether they are traditional or non-traditional. I strongly believe that every vendor at a food event should be outstanding, so to this end, our list draws mostly from Los Angeles (the taco Capitol of the U.S.) but we also source from nearby Mexico, San Diego and Orange County. Tacos are not just food, they're a way of life, and here at LA Weekly's Tacolandia is where your [taco] dreams come true." – Bill Esparza

As of press time, the following restaurants have confirmed attendance at this year's event: All Flavor No Grease, Amor y Tacos, Anepalco's Café, Aqui es Texcoco, Barrio Café, Bistro LQ, Breddos Tacos, B.S. Taqueria, Bull Taco, Burritos La Palma, Cacao Mexicatessen, Carnitas El Momo, Chef Adrián Montañón, Chef Katsuji Tanabe, Chef Priscilla Curiel, Chichen Itza, Cielito Lindo, Colonia Tacos Guisados, Comida, Coni'Seafood, Corazón de Tierra, Corazon y Miel, Dia de los Puercos, Dos Chinos, El Colimense, El Coraloense, El Marinero By Chef Ninive, El Sonorita, Frida Tacos, Galaxy Taco, Gracias Señor!, Guerrilla Tacos, Huitlacoche, Kaya Street Kitchen, Komodo, La Calaca Fish Tacos, La Embajada, La Monarca Bakery, La Taquiza, Las 7 Regiones de Oaxaca, Las Molenderas, Loteria Grill, Mariscos Guerrerense, Mariscos Jalisco, Mexicali Taco Co., Mexicano & Flautas, Mi Ensenada Fish Tacos, Naugles, Oaxaca on Wheels, Petty Cash Taqueria, Pez Cantina, Primera Taza, Puertos del Pacifico, Puesto, RBTA x Monkey Bar, Revolutionario LA Food, Rocio's Mexican Kitchen, Slapfish, Soho Taco, SOL Cocina, Sonoritas Prime Tacos, Taco Libre LA, Taco Maria, Tacos Kokopelli, Tacos Quetzalcoatl, Tacos Super Gallito, Tamales Elena, Tlayuda L.A., Tortas Ahogadas Ameca, Tortas Ahogadas Guadalajara in LA, Urbana Anaheim and Zema Latin Vibes.

All restaurants will have tasty samples of their signature gourmet tacos for all to enjoy! Complete with live mariachi music and cash bars with beer, wine and cocktails, Tacolandia 2016 will be LA Weekly's largest event of the year and one not to be missed. More information can be found at laweekly.com/tacolandia.

Presale tickets for Tacolandia go on sale at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8 at tickeff.ly/1QmOybu. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Monday, March 14 at 10a.m.

General Admission tickets will be available for \$40 and include entry into the event, entertainment, access to cash bars, as well as tacos from over 100 vendors. A limited number of VIP admission tickets will be available for \$60. VIP Admission tickets include all general admission perks plus a VIP gift bag, separate entrance, and access to an exclusive VIP lounge with its own bar.

Sponsors of this year's Tacolandia include: Presenting sponsor Tabasco, Exclusive Beer Sponsor Estrella, Hustler Hollywood, Spearmint Rhino, Masienda, Del Real Foods, Jarritos, Diabolo, Beautiful Things LA, DRY Sparkling, Califia Farms, Beautiful Things LA, Zouq, Farm Fresh to You, Destiny Candle, Goorin Brothers and Live Nation.

Tacolandia is proud to announce the El Pueblo Park Association and Food Forward as our charity beneficiaries for this event.

El Pueblo Park Association (EPPA) was founded in 1982 to foster public interest in, and good will for, El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument (El Pueblo). They are a volunteer group dedicated to promoting the historic plaza and its historic buildings. In addition, they are devoted to expanding El Pueblo's use as an educational and cultural facility by: raising funds for the restoration, conservation and promotion of El Pueblo as a unique gathering place for the celebration of the historical and multicultural heritage of Los Angeles and sponsoring exhibitions and special events at El Pueblo.

Food Forward rescues fresh local produce that would otherwise go to waste, connecting this abundance with people in need, and inspiring others to do the same. HARVEST FOOD • FIGHT HUNGER • BUILD COMMUNITY They are a volunteer-powered group of Southern Californians who are passionate about making change around hunger in our community. Food Forward convenes at private properties, public spaces, and farmers and wholesale markets to recover excess fruits and vegetables, donating 100% to local direct-service agencies who feed our community's most vulnerable. Combined, their diverse distribution partners provide food to over 100,000 clients a month across Southern California.

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