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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

EMPANADA SMACKDOWN AT Hispanic Heritage Celebration in Historic YBOR City @ 8th Annual: TASTE OF LATINO FESTIVAL

Top Hispanic/Latino Leaders celebrate Hispanic Heritage in Tampa Bay!
Tampa, FL; Celebrate Hispanic Heritage in Ybor City / Tampa, FL Sunday, Oct 25th, 2026, at Centennial Pk: 1800 E. 8th Ave, Tampa, FL. **Free General Entry.**

Time: Noon – 6 PM. The free family festival will be held at 3 City Streets, as well as at Ybor's Popular Centennial Park. The VIP area will be held at the Ybor City Museum and Gardens.

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC and DANCE PERFORMANCES! Rumberos De Tampa Bay! Revelacion Salsera!
BRING your chair and ENJOY LIVE Performances! Vaya DJ Johnnie Rivera & LA MAXIMA HOSTING!

Guests can also enjoy Free Salsa Dance Lessons! Are you a good Domino player? If so Register to be a part of our Domino Tournament! - stay tuned to our website for details – or register to receive our newsletter and we will let you know!

ENJOY the Awards Ceremony Featuring the 2026 TOP Latino Lideres (Latino Leaders) with Leaders coming from all over Tampa Bay and Florida to be recognized and receive the Latino Lideres Award – the 2026 Lideres Include: Jose & Cristina Alonzo; Sandra Atiles-Tyrrell, Honorable Danny Alvarez, Lissette Bonano; Roberto Borrero, Karla Campos, Tony Clemente, Dr. Gino Collura; Ysmael De Los Santos, Valerie Félix, Liz Evora, Odette Figueruelo, Honorable Olga Gonzalez, Jacqueline Gutierrez, Danielle Hernandez, Mercedes Jorge, Create Option C: Lourdes Lavoy, City Councilman Guido Maniscalco, Jeannette Matta, Manuel "Manny" Medina, Lisette Parsons, Angel Ramos, Maribel Ramos Garrett, Norma Reno, Vivian Rivera Hernandez, Marti Rodriguez, EJ Salcines, Jacka Saldana, Deborah Tamargo, Jackie Toledo, Honorable Susan Valdes, and MORE! – see a complete list at www.TasteOfLatino.Com

WHO MAKES THE BEST EMPANADAS?
TOP EMPANADA WIN GRAND PRIZE: CASH! Check out Top Chefs: Latino Dish Contest Features Top Chef Latino Dish -Professional contest to see who makes the BEST Latino Dishes in Tampa Bay! **Contestants include Empanadas, Paella and MORE! Top Latino Lideres Awards on Stage! Visit www.TasteOfLatino.com**

Sponsors Recognized at the Event: Hillsborough County, Hispanic CRF, HCRF, GOYA, PUBLIX, Hard Rock Tampa, Maxima 92.5FM, TELEMUNDO, Zacapa, Latin Times Magazine; Vaya DJ. **Hashtags:** #HispanicHeritageMonth #YborCity #Empanada #TASTEOFLATINO #Empanadas #CubanSandwich #EMPANADASMACKDOWN #EMPANADA