



## TAMPA BAY RESIDENTS CAME OUT TO CELEBRATE ALL THINGS TAMPA @ the TASTE OF TAMPA, TAMPA BAY'S BIGGEST LEGENDS RECOGNIZED AND AWARDED.

Tampa Bay Legends were recognized at this West Tampa Celebration of ALL THINGS TAMPA PLUS guests were able to enjoy watching as we made the LONGEST Cuban Sandwich in the World -surpassing our original Goal of 375Ft and making a whopping 383 Ft. Tampa Style Cuban Sandwich.

Tampa, FL; Guests came out and Celebrate ALL THINGS TAMPA BAY at this year's Taste of Tampa Festival which was held in West Tampa, @ HCC Dale Mabry Campus: 4001 W. Tampa Bay Blvd. Free Family Friendly event. 12-6PM. Sunday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The Taste of Tampa is a celebration of ALL THINGS TAMPA, featuring the BEST of Tampa's local entertainment, foods, drinks and businesses! The event featured a family friendly day of FUN and celebration with LIVE MUSIC ranging from Original Hits to Top Hits, Disco, Old School and even Latin Music! Guests enjoyed a great day of Music, Dancing, and great family fun -Plus delicious local favorites such as Crab Enchilada, Devil Crabs, Croquettes, Spanish Bean Soup, Sea Food, Grouper Sandwiches, Soul Food, Café Con Leche and many more local favorites!



**Tampa Legends were also recognized and awarded on stage with the "Tampa Legends" award. With a special presentation to recently deceased Dr. Louis A. Capdevila of La Teresita Capdevila; and other deceased Tampa Legends including Albert "Big Al" Perez of Mr. Empanada, Arturo Fuente Sr., Don Carlos Fuente, Sr., Tony More of La Segunda Central Bakery and Phil Alessi, Sr. of Alessi Bakery,.**

**Tampa Legends Award was presented to:** Audrey Perez, Phil Cacciatore, Bob Buckhorn, Dick Greco, EJ Salcines, Arturo Fuente, Jr., Cynthia Fuente, Carlito Fuente, Jr., Lisa Figueredo, Leo Alvarez, John Oliva, Sr., Joe Capitano Sr, Brian Ford, Janet Cruz, Mike Brocato, Ramon Hernandez, Vince Pardo, Antonio Ricardo Fuentes, Santiago Corrado, Linda Hurtado-Figueredo, Richard Gonzmart. <https://www.hispaniccrf.org/2025-taste-of-tampa-festival.html>

Commissioner Donna Cameron-Cepeda attended the event and presented event promoters Victor and Jolie Padilla with a commendation signed by all the Hillsborough County commissioners.

**VIP TEAM HELPING TO MAKE THE LONGEST SANDWICH:** The Longest Cuban Sandwich was made in West Tampa with the help of the West Tampa Chamber of Commerce, the American Culinary Federation Tampa, Hispanic CRF, Commissioner Donna Cameron-Cepeda, and several other community partners that are coming together to help us to reach our goal, 1 FOOTBALL FIELD+ and when it's done we will donate it to a homeless shelter and it will feed over 850 homeless people."

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**Longest Cuban Sandwich Sponsors:** Alessi Bakery, La Teresita, Sweet Tea Tiki Bar, Tampa Test Kitchen, Silver Ring, Mike Bakery and Pickle Me This. #####