

Food Safety Is Numero Uno At Titos Tacos

The owners of Tito's Tacos engaged a Food Safety Expert many years ago, which has become a growing national trend in the burgeoning and ever-changing restaurant industry to make sure that the health and safety of Tito's Tacos customers is of foremost consideration when the employees are preparing their award-winning cuisine, every day of the week.



Jeffrey Nelken, Food Safety Expert & Alma Bautista, Tito's Tacos General Manager. Photos by Jared Cowen



The nationally-recognized Food Safety Expert that Tito's Tacos settled upon on hiring after much consideration was Jeffrey Nelken, who has gone onto become integrally involved in the day-

to-day operations of the business and a valued member of its close-knit family of restaurant co-workers.

Despite the fact that Tito's Tacos had an "A" letter grade proudly displayed in the restaurant's entrance window at the time of the hiring of a Food Safety Expert to consult the business – it made good sense to the owners of Tito's Tacos to bring on someone to oversee the establishment's food safety issues with an extensive academic background such as Jeffrey Nelken's in the Culinary Arts with Food Science & Institutional Food Service Management Degrees from the Pratt Institute and NYU, along with being certified in good standing by the National Restaurant Association (ServSafe Instructor), the LA County Health Department and the National Environmental Health Association.

"Tito's Tacos has benefited greatly by having retained Jeffrey Nelken to assist us on perfecting our food and workplace safety procedures, especially in light of the high volume of food that we prepare fresh every day and the extensive amount of retraining which constantly goes on with a vibrant workforce of around 95 employees", stated Lynne Davidson, President of Tito's Tacos Mexican Restaurant, "What's really beneficial is the fact that Jeff Nelken drops by our Commissary and Restaurant unannounced a number of times every week at varying times of day to make sure the managers and employees are doing their very best to be compliant with clearly defined LA County Health Department standards, etcetera. In other words, Jeff Nelken keeps all of us at Tito's Tacos on our toes at all times from a health and safety perspective which is Terrific."

In addition, Jeffrey Nelken is in high demand nationally as an expert witness and/or consultant on a wide range of Lawsuits pertaining to Food Safety

and Accident Prevention issues – and, he has been an expert on-camera expert contributor on numerous network and cable television news programs, including: a series on food borne illnesses with Paula Zahn for CNN, an investigative report on Sushi contamination for Inside Edition, a program on how consumer safe are Grocery Stores for Dateline / MSNBC and the illustrious multipart expose series with Joel Grover for KNBC entitled "The Dirtiest Restaurants of LA" which brought about the ABC Grading System,

"In my professional opinion the managers and employees at Tito's Tacos do really care about providing their customers with healthy and excellent tasting Mexican food cuisine which they've built a stellar reputation on producing since 1959," commented Jeff Nelken, Food Safety and Accident Pre-

vention Expert, "and, I have really enjoyed working closely with the managers and employees at Tito's Tacos over the years and training them on how to comply 100% with the LA County Health Department guidelines because that's what they are really specifically hired to do. Incidentally, what's nifty about working as a consultant for Tito's Tacos is the fact that its convenient for me to bring home a box full of Tito's Tacos, Burritos and Chips & Salsas for my W/wife, which is always a big hit for her since she grew up not too far away in Mar Vista"

Tito's Tacos is one of many restaurants throughout Southern California who have retained on a constant basis a Food Safety Expert because the health and safety of their customers is of great importance to them.

Story courtesy of the staff and management of Tito's Tacos

ELECTIONS

Marcus Tiggs Announces Candidacy For City Council

Former Planning Commissioner Counts On His Experience To Achieve Goals

Citing love for his hometown, Marcus Tiggs announces his candidacy for Culver City Council in the election to be held in April 2018.

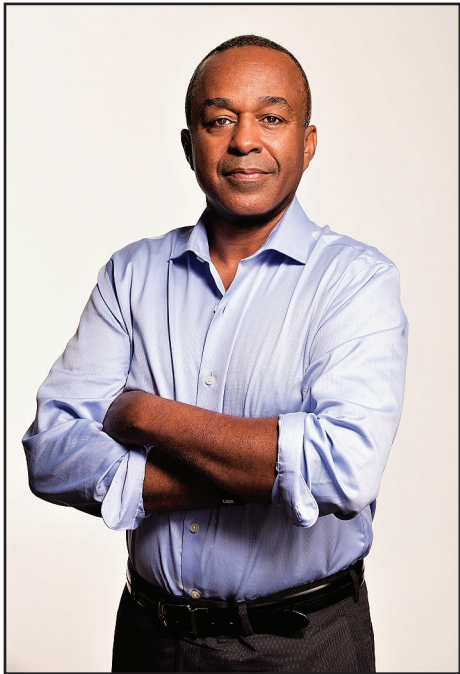
A retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and combat veteran, Tiggs detailed the importance of keeping neighborhoods safe, continuing to help Culver City attract career building jobs and opportunities, and working together to continue to make our community the best hometown.

"Since I was nine years old Culver City as a community has helped shape my success and it has been an honor to serve on our planning commission and throughout the community," said Tiggs. "We are a vital, and diverse community. By working to keep our neighborhoods safe from crime and cut through traffic, working to bring job creators and innovators to Culver City so residents can build their careers here, and continuing to engage the community in building a great hometown, together we will achieve great things for all residents."

Following his graduation from Pepperdine and his service in the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel Marcus has practiced law for more than two decades helping negotiate and argue cases all the way through the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

"Culver City has always been a great crossroads culturally and regionally and when we capitalize on that we flourish," explained Tiggs. "My career in public service has taken me into command situations around the globe, while my legal career has helped resolve incredibly complex financial challenges. On our Council I will put that experience to work keeping the City focused on being responsive to the residents, while wisely allocating and spending our tax dollars on needed projects."

By getting the community more in-



Marcus Tiggs

involved in local government Tiggs will focus on keeping neighborhoods and homes safe from crime, enhancing senior and children services, and making government decisions more transparent to the public.

"Solutions don't just come from one person's idea but from a careful review of all sides of an argument. With full participation by residents and other stakeholders we will build a consensus without losing sight of what the common goal is---enhancing our quality of life," said Tiggs. "On our Council I will push to make sure that we work together so that Culver City works for every resident."

Join Marcus at his campaign kickoff party on Sunday, December 3 from 2 pm to 4 at the residence of Mike "Mr. Culver City" Cohen, 4378 Jasmine Ave., Culver City, CA 90232. For more information on the event and campaign visit www.elecTiggs.com.



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