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**QUEENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CROWNS EMPANADAS CAFE AS QUEENS’ BEST EMPANADAS**

***Queens foodies nominated and voted for their empanadas during inaugural competition held by the Queens Chamber of Commerce***

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QUEENS, NY (May 22, 2023) - The debate is settled. Empanadas Cafe is the winner of the inaugural Queens’ Best Empanada Competition, held by the Queens Chamber of Commerce. Over the past several weeks, Queens foodies nominated and voted on their favorite stuffed doughy treats in the borough, with the Corona eatery emerging as the winner. I Love Paraguay Restaurant in Sunnyside finished second, while We Love Empanadas in Jackson Heights, Que Rico Colombian Bakery in Astoria, and The Empanada Spot in Jackson Heights rounded out the top-5.

“We’re delighted to honor Empanadas Cafe as the inaugural winner of the Queens’ Best Empanada Competition,” said **Tom Grech**, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce. “Queens is home to the best restaurants in New York City, and we received entries from a range of restaurants that truly reflects the diversity of our borough’s Latin American community. Congratulations to Patricia Bernard and the entire team at Empanadas Cafe on winning this coveted title. I just had a few myself, and I can tell you, they are worthy winners!”

"We are honored to have been awarded the winner of the inaugural Queens Best Empanada contest. I want to thank our wonderful, dedicated staff and our loyal customers for this honor. We invite everyone to come and visit Empanadas Cafe and see why we were named the best place in Queens for empanadas," said **Patricia Bernard**, co-owner, Empanadas Cafe.

Grech and the Chamber visited Empanadas Cafe. Several elected officials were on hand to celebrate with the winners.

"If there's any place you can find the best empanadas you've ever had, it's in Queens - the food capital of the world. Congratulations to Empanadas Cafe for the well-deserved win!" said Queens Borough President **Donovan Richards Jr**. "And a big shout out to the other contestants as well as every empanada spot in our borough. Thank you for making our borough a delicious place to eat."

Empanadas Cafe was selected the winner after a public nomination process and vote.In addition to earning the title of Queens’ Best Empanadas, Empanadas Cafe received a complimentary year of membership to the Queens Chamber of Commerce.

The top-5 eateries selected by the public were:

1. Empanadas Café (Corona)
2. I Love Paraguay Restaurant (Sunnyside)
3. We Love Empanadas (Jackson Heights)
4. Que Rico Colombian Bakery (Astoria)
5. The Empanada Spot (Jackson Heights)

**About the Queens Chamber of Commerce:**
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