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We’re talking one of our favorite topics— food! We talk to some creative food entrepreneurs in the area and they told us about their takes on some of our all-time favorite dishes. It’s not cultural appropriation—it’s more like cultural experimentation!

Donas

With whimsical decor inside and out, Donas is a new business in Downey satisfying a cultural craving for glittery and imaginative donuts with a taste of Mexican pop culture in every bite. With so many donut shops in the area, David Vazquez and Ashley Leon-Vazquez decided to experiment with traditional donuts by incorporating familiar Mexican candies and flavors into them.

Horchateria

Horchateria Rio Luna is a family-owned café in the city of Paramount specializing in serving Latino-inspired treats such as horchatas, churros and coffees. For owners David and Ashley Leon-Vazquez, it was important to open their first business in their hometown.

Culichich Town

Culichich Town Restaurant is Mexican-style seafood, known as mariscos, combined with sushi. Culichich Town is part of a new wave of restaurants putting a unique spin on traditional Mexican cooking.

Zeferino De La Garza, manager of Culichich Town Restaurants, talk to us about what’s behind the unique food concept.

Big Al’s

Big Al's Pizzeria in the city of Maywood is literally a marriage between Middle Eastern and Mexican cultures. Ali Chahine and Brenda Torres are the founders of Big Al's Pizzeria. The two developed a unique menu featuring culturally-inspired pizzas that draw foodies from throughout L.A. and Orange counties.

Sugar & Spicy

Sugar and Spicy is a new business in La Mirada catering to your most unexpected food and beverage cravings.

Gavina Family Casa Cubana

They are known for their coffee: Don Francisco's, Cafe la Llave, Jose's Gourmet. Those are now iconic brands in Los Angeles and beyond. The company behind the roasted beans, F. Gavina and Sons, which started brewing in Los Angeles in 1967, is still family-run and embarking on a new journey. As part of the company's 50th anniversary celebration, they decided to take on a new venture - Don Francisco's Coffee Casa Cubana. It is the company's first brick-and-mortar coffee shop, located in downtown Los Angeles.