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### **Family-Owned Historic Downtown San Antonio Restaurant Closes**

*After 62 years in operation, The Mexican Manhattan Restaurant closes its doors*

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — The Mexican Manhattan Restaurant, a city-wide favorite Mexican food restaurant on the San Antonio Riverwalk, has locked its doors for the final time. After 62 years of continuous operation serving the San Antonio community, Mexican Manhattan shut down operations at 8:00 pm on October 24, 2020 and will no longer offer its unique style of Mexican food to its loyal patrons.

“The decision did not come lightly of course, but it’s time to smell the roses,” said Larry Karam, current owner and oldest son of Tony Karam, the original founder. “After 62 years of making tacos, I would like to spend time with my family and travel.”

Mexican Manhattan Restaurant was founded in March of 1958 by Tony Karam with only two cooks and very few staff. At the time, the restaurant occupied a single space on Soledad Street northeast from Main Plaza, the site of San Fernando Cathedral. The restaurant’s success allowed the hiring of more personnel and it quickly became the favorite lunch eatery of the Downtown business community. Upon his passing in 1975, Tony left the restaurant to his sons. In 1988, the eatery’s success prompted an expansion into the building next door. With double the seating capacity, business continued to grow. Continuing demand meant that in July 1999 another renovation was necessary. This allowed the restaurant to expand into yet a third building and provide extensive patio seating overlooking the San Antonio Riverwalk.

“We are so grateful and incredibly fortunate to have spent the last six decades serving San Antonio. We thank our friends and multiple generations of loyal customers for the years they have spent supporting our business. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you,” said Mr. Karam.

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#### **About Mexican Manhattan Restaurant**

Mexican Manhattan Restaurant was founded in 1958 by Tony Karam and has remained a family-owned establishment for 62 years. It was operated by Tony’s sons Larry and Steven Karam through the conclusion of business operations on October 24, 2020. For further restaurant details and contact information please visit: <https://www.mexicanmanhattan.com/>