

Tacos Chiwas Now Open at Phoenix Sky Harbor's Terminal 4 *Iconic Phoenix Brand brings the flavors of northwestern Mexico to the terminal*

(United States, 27 June 2025): SSP America, a division of SSP Group, a leading operator of food and beverage brands in travel locations worldwide, is thrilled to announce the opening of beloved local brand, Tacos Chiwas, at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX).

On Friday, PHX Airport Director Chad Makovsky, Tacos Chiwas founders and owners Armando Hernandez and Nadia Holguin, and SSP America's Senior Vice President of Development and Pursuit of New Airports Scott Welding, celebrated the opening of the new restaurant.

The husband and wife team behind Tacos Chiwas both hail from the northwestern Mexican state of Chihuahua, and their restaurants reflect the flavors of the region. Tacos Chiwas is known for preparing fresh food from recipes that have been passed down through generations.

"Nadia and I are honored to bring Tacos Chiwas and the flavors of our hometowns to PHX," said Hernandez. "We are passionate about offering genuine northwestern Mexican cuisine, and we believe that food has the power to connect people and celebrate culture."

Hernandez and Holguin met by chance over a decade ago and quickly bonded over their shared passion for the culinary arts and the restaurant industry. They married in 2014 and opened their first Tacos Chiwas two years later. Over the past nine years, their restaurant empire has expanded throughout the Phoenix area to include multiple Tacos Chiwas locations, Cocina Chiwas, Espiritu Cocktails + Comida, and more. Their menus are focused on northwestern Mexican cuisine and highlight the unique flavors of Chihuahua and the surrounding regions. Located in Terminal 4 near Gate B5, PHX's Tacos Chiwas seeks to bring this same passion and taste of place to locals and visitors alike.

"We're excited to see a local favorite come to our terminals," said Makovsky. "Being able to offer travelers a taste of delicious cuisine that represents our region is important to us. It's another way we're continuing to elevate the passenger experience."

"It's an honor to work with Armando, Nadia, and the PHX team to bring this iconic Phoenix restaurant to Terminal 4," said Welding. "As a Phoenician, I understand the anticipation that has surrounded this opening and what it means to the community. I am excited for guests to experience the vibrant flavors and unique atmosphere of Tacos Chiwas. It's a wonderful addition to PHX that truly showcases the rich culinary culture of Phoenix."

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