



La Bagley and El Puente Mexicantown Tour



Professor T's Travels Thu the "D"

"Visítanos mientras todavía estamos aquí"

Radical changes have befallen Detroit's most vibrant ethnic area, and changes are sure to continue. Who knows who and what is lurking around the corner. But Mexicantown has survived the expansion of the bridge, the freeway, and demolition by intent. However Mexican's have been settling in this area since the 1920s, and by all accounts, will continue in the future as they follow the long held settlement pattern of "chain migration". They came here, as so many others have, to work in the automobile industry. And when they came, they opened stores, barber shops, and what we all love about the area- restaurants.



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You can safely explore the rich history of the La Bagley neighborhood with Wayne State's/EMU's Professor T, **former Executive Director of Mexicantown Hubbard Communities** and a renowned speaker, urban historian, political scientist and lifelong Detroiter whose first-hand knowledge will entertain and educate.

Visit places such as La Comena Market that has been a favorite of locals for over 50 years, see a neighborhood of public art including "City Spirits", walk across the bridge that bisected and all but destroyed the eastern part of Mexicantown, and stop in front of the Matrix Theatre which showcases

works from within the local community. See the most hulking figure in Detroit - the Michigan Central Station. Dedicated Jan. 4, 1914, the tallest rail station in the world at that time remained open for business until January 6, 1988.

Experience an unforgettable walking tour of Detroit's number one ethnic neighborhood, the first area in Detroit to receive Main Street designation, where new non-Mexican businesses are opening up next to long established shops, and where the oldest restaurant continues to attract new customers while retaining long standing regulars.



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Mexicantown Tour Info:

- Five or more: choose your own tour date
- \$15/person (\$10 for current WSU/EMU students)
- Start/End: 2600 Bagley (outside Mexican Village)
- Wear your walking shoes!
- To purchase tickets: Venmo.com (@Benjamin-Tallerico)

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