

Knead to Know

This Bagel Boss Is Keeping a Local Legacy Alive—One Bagel at a Time



NAME:
Carlos Perez



JOB TITLE: Co-owner and Director of Operations, Shirley's Bagels



RESIDENT OF:
Santa Ana



LOCAL LIVING:
16 years



FAVORITE SNACKS AT SHIRLEY'S:

1. Plain bagel, easy toast with cream cheese, add tomato and a sprinkle of lemon pepper
2. Sesame bagel, double-toasted with butter
3. Everything bagel, toasted with cream cheese and topped with lox strips

"I've had regulars coming in as toddlers who now are college students... Seeing the same faces every day and knowing you are part of their daily lives is humbling."

Photoshoot Location:
SHIRLEY'S BAGELS
270 E 17th St
Costa Mesa, CA 92627
949.645.7877
www.shirleysbagels.com

Locations In:
Costa Mesa, Laguna Beach & Newport Beach



GOOD MORNING, ORANGE COUNTY!

→ I love greeting our regulars early in the morning, and we try to remember customers' names and make their experience unique. Want to know how bagels are made? Just ask me or my son, Carlos, to give you a tour. We will always be happy to show you the production area!

www.shirleysbagels.com



LA FOR A DAY

→ My son and I like to go to LA. Our last visit took us to the central market in Downtown LA, where we tried Eggslut. It was delicious, simple, fresh and so good!

www.eggslut.com



DELICIOUS ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT

→ At The CAMP, I recently visited Folks pizzeria. The pizza crust is delicious and naturally leavened, and they use fresh, seasonal ingredients. The Caesar salad is a must-try!

www.folkshospitality.com



THE TASTE OF HOME

→ Pupuseria San Sivar is the kind of comfort food I grew up with in Guatemala. It's tiny—the owner is always there and cooking the food herself. The caldo de gallina and the pupusas are so delicious!

949.650.2952



CHOW DOWN

→ Eat Chow's pulled pork benedict is so good. They have great coffee and even offer breakfast beers! They actually have a great wine list—not your usual selections! You can ask for off-menu bottles as well. ■

www.eatchow.com