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Antonio Villaraigosa's favorite L.A. restaurants



There's something about running the second largest city in America that makes you hungry. Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is constantly on the move, but even a mayor has to eat, and he takes the opportunity to frequent many of the city's top dining destinations.

And not all of them are the city's spendiest, either. Check out the list he gave us. Unlike former Mayor Richard Riordan (who [owns](#) a few well-known spots in town), Villaraigosa hasn't really staked out a particular room in town where he holds court. He's got too much ground to cover. Instead, he seems to have the good taste of a man who's knowledgeable about every corner of his city. A few of these entries just might surprise you.

1. [Patina Downtown L.A.](#)



You get a great dish every single time here. There is a high level of culinary excellence every time and a consistency that is just incredible. I'd say their cheese selection is maybe the best in the city. And I always get the Foie Gras. It's great.

2. [Water Grill Downtown L.A.](#)



The best food anywhere in Los Angeles. They change their dishes often, but I know that the tuna tartare is great and the oysters are just phenomenal.

3. [Spago Beverly Hills](#)



Wolfgang does most of our events. I tend not to go to restaurants out of the city of Los Angeles too often. He caters the vast majority of our events when we entertain dignitaries. He almost always caters for us.

4. [La Serenata De Garibaldi East L.A.](#)



Their seafood and sauces are just delicious. Really beautiful presentation here as well.

5. Providence [Hollywood](#)



Providence has gotten better and better. When I first went here, it just wasn't what I thought it would be. But lately, its been phenomenal. Usually I just let the chef kind of fix me up something great. A complete dining experience.

6. Frida [Beverly Hills](#)



For dessert, I like Frida's tres leches cake.

7. Pink's [Melrose](#)



In both races for Mayor, I went to Pink's both times. We had more cameras there than almost anywhere else. I love the atmosphere here and I don't mind waiting in line. Sometimes I like waiting in line just to work the line.

8. Grace [Fairfax District](#)



You get family-sized servings here. It's unique and great cuisine...they have wild boar [on the menu].

