



Legislation Text

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To recognize Hot Chicken Takeover for being named the Best New Restaurant by Columbus Alive and 614 Magazine, and to commend their efforts as a second chance employer to those affected by homelessness and prior incarceration

WHEREAS, 2015 has been a remarkable year for Hot Chicken Takeover, as the restaurant was named the Best New Restaurant by Columbus Alive and 614 Magazine, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Hot Chicken Takeover began on the East side of Columbus, as an outdoor weekend pop-up restaurant, and has grown substantially in popularity, thanks in part to a successful Kickstarter campaign with 855 supporters contributing \$63,401. Now, Hot Chicken Takeover has roots in the North Market, a food truck, and a presence at Columbus Crew SC Mapfre Stadium with more locations on the way; and

WHEREAS, Owner, and Head Fryer, Joe DeLoss envisioned a business where social enterprise, community activism and a quality product could merge to benefit the common good, rather than by operating strictly for profit; and

WHEREAS, Hot Chicken Takeover is earning significant acclaim in Central Ohio while providing supportive employment to adults affected by homelessness, prior incarceration, and poverty. This business model is founded on success Joe had previously while launching Freshbox Catering for Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Hot Chicken Takeover continues Mr. DeLoss' mission to disrupt poverty through entrepreneurship and job creation.

WHEREAS, Hot Chicken Takeover currently employs 35 people, 70% of which have been affected by poverty, and 54% of employees have previous criminal records. In addition, more than half of employees have benefited from Hot Chicken Takeover's personal and professional development services which offer financial counseling, budgeting and professional certification through Columbus State Community College, Now Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council recognizes Hot Chicken Takeover for being named the Best New Restaurant by Columbus Alive and 614 Magazine, and we commend their efforts to reduce poverty through entrepreneurship and job creation.