

BEST KOREAN

1. **Noodle Bowl** 860 Pearl St. 686-1114.
noodlebowlrestaurant.com.

2. **Café Arirang** 485 E. Broadway. 302-4542.

3. **Chingu Restaurant** 1306 Hilyard St. 345-9555.

JC Lee and his mother, Sue, have run Noodle Bowl for three years, and the family vibes flow through this tasty, clean, speedy, affordable and spacious downtown restaurant. While Sue is the brains behind the operation, JC says he is the one with the good sense of taste that makes Noodle Bowl's flavors authentic. The bi bimbop is everyone's favorite — a rice dish with veggies and meat in a hot stone pot — but the side dish of kimchi that comes with many of the entrees is the true gem. And if you have room, order some bubble tea for dessert.

BEST MEXICAN/LATIN AMERICAN

1. **Belly Taqueria** 291 E. 5th Ave. 687-8226. eatbelly.com.

2. **Chapala** 68 W. 29th Ave. 683-5458; 136 Oakway Center.
434-6113. chapalasmexicanrestaurant.com.

3. **Taqueria Mi Tierra** 628 Blair Blvd. 743-0779.
mitierraeugene.com.

Belly Taqueria is everything you want from a Mexican restaurant: tortilla soup, quesadillas, margaritas and more tacos than you'll know what to do with. But god, make sure you start with the sweet, tasty salsa, freshly fried tortilla chips and a pitcher of sangria. And if it's up to waitress Bridget Young, you have to try a camarones taco and a carnitas taco that is "dripping with fat and delicious." You'll love the small portions so you can try a little bit of everything.



JC LEE OF NOODLE BOWL

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