

# Reo's Ribs is Back

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ing to re-open.

Now, one year later, and with a three-tiered grill that can hold up to 600 racks of ribs, the restaurant that was recognized in Gourmet Magazine is slinging soul food like there's no tomorrow.

What's more, the historic Reo's Ribs building has been preserved. Located at Northeast 42nd and Sandy Boulevard, just down the street from Hollywood Theater, the 96-year-old structure originally was built as a trolley stop, and then was the Hollywood Burger Bar from 1954 to 2015. Reo's Ribs took over in 2015 after bouncing around three prior locations since 1999.

Though the fire damage was described as extensive by firefighters



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Reo Varnado, the proprietor of Reo's Ribs, at his signature Southern barbecue restaurant in the Hollywood District. A photo of Varnado with his famous nephew Snoop Dogg and Martha Stewart dons the newly renovated interior.

at the time, the renovations since has rendered it a "new building inside," Varnado said.

Varnado, who has cooked for famous celebrities like Beyoncé and Jay-Z, added he's in the plan-

ning stages for a celebratory grand re-opening event where hopefully his famous nephew can stop by.



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