

# Snack in Style with Cha Cha Cuterie Board

By Jill L. Ferguson

**K**arla Tomas started Cha Cha Cuterie Board from her house in the summer of 2021. "During the pandemic, I found myself falling in love with cooking and creating new dishes once again. Cha Cha Cuterie Board was discovered one afternoon during a patio wine and cheese brainstorming session with friends," she says. "It's been a completely wonderful and transformative experience to take my skillset from previous careers and create something the Long Beach community has embraced and supported in such a phenomenal way."

Tomas creates boards for all occasions including weddings, celebrations of life, birthdays, family events, holidays, or just because (think a picnic on the bluff). She can also accommodate the boards to embrace most dietary restrictions or preferences (extra fees may be incurred).

Tomas has lived in the Bluff Heights area of Long Beach for the past five years, but she's a native Angeleno with a background in marketing and interior design (the latter may explain why her boards are so beautifully arranged). She loves Long Beach for its people, food and restaurants, and small businesses, and she enjoys what she calls "the city's partnership with the local agriculture/farm markets." Tomas also loves the neighborhood feel of Bluff Heights and how we appreciate the value of family and diversity.

She is of Latin and Croatian heritage, which has influenced her love of food and wine, seasoning, and life. "The name Cha Cha is like an alter ego for me. I am a very spunky, fun-loving person who enjoys listening and dancing to Latin music," Tomas explains.

"Each board I create is inspired by food, wine, and seasoning that I have experienced and enjoyed throughout my travels across the world. I am also inspired by my mother, who is one of the most talented and creative culinary curators I know," she adds.

Cha Cha Cuterie Board prices start at \$45 for the Couple Box, a 9-inch board that serves one to two people, to the 18-inch Koktel Platter, priced at \$220, which serves 10-15 people.



They also offer extras including fly-away fans, wooden boards, additional meats and cheeses, and setting up an entire grazing table for bigger gatherings or events. To view the menu and order, visit their [website](#) and click "order today," or send a direct message to Tomas through [Instagram](#). Please allow 24 hours for a response.

For larger boards, please provide 48 hours' notice before you need the board; for smaller platters, provide 24 hours' notice. If you prefer to call, the number is 818-303-4896. You can pick up your board or have it delivered for a fee. Cha Cha Cuterie Board's hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

As their tagline says, "Don't forget to Cha Cha away!"

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