

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0286494 - MELISA'S CATERING @ ESCUELA POPULAR		Site Address 149 N WHITE RD, SAN JOSE, CA 95127		Inspection Date 09/03/2026		Placard Color & Score RED 85		
Program PR0414649 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP10			Owner Name GOMEZ, MANUEL		Inspection Time 12:15 - 13:45			
Inspected By MAMAYE KEBEDE		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By MANUEL GOMEZ				FSC Manual Gomez 12/18/2028

RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS		IN	OUT		COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
			Major	Minor				
K01	Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification			X				
K02	Communicable disease; reporting/restriction/exclusion	X						
K03	No discharge from eyes, nose, mouth	X						
K04	Proper eating, tasting, drinking, tobacco use	X						
K05	Hands clean, properly washed; gloves used properly	X						S
K06	Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	X						S
K08	Time as a public health control; procedures & records					X		
K09	Proper cooling methods					X		
K10	Proper cooking time & temperatures	X						
K11	Proper reheating procedures for hot holding	X						
K12	Returned and reservice of food	X						
K13	Food in good condition, safe, unadulterated	X						
K14	Food contact surfaces clean, sanitized					X		S
K15	Food obtained from approved source	X						
K16	Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display						X	
K17	Compliance with Gulf Oyster Regulations						X	
K18	Compliance with variance/ROP/HACCP Plan						X	
K19	Consumer advisory for raw or undercooked foods						X	
K20	Licensed health care facilities/schools: prohibited foods not being offered						X	
K21	Hot and cold water available	X						
K22	Sewage and wastewater properly disposed	X						
K23	No rodents, insects, birds, or animals		X					

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES		OUT	COS
K24	Person in charge present and performing duties		
K25	Proper personal cleanliness and hair restraints		
K26	Approved thawing methods used; frozen food		
K27	Food separated and protected		
K28	Fruits and vegetables washed		
K29	Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used	X	
K30	Food storage: food storage containers identified		
K31	Consumer self service does prevent contamination		
K32	Food properly labeled and honestly presented		
K33	Nonfood contact surfaces clean		
K34	Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips		
K35	Equipment, utensils: Approved, in good repair, adequate capacity		
K36	Equipment, utensils, linens: Proper storage and use		
K37	Vending machines		
K38	Adequate ventilation/lighting; designated areas, use		
K39	Thermometers provided, accurate		
K40	Wiping cloths: properly used, stored		
K41	Plumbing approved, installed, in good repair; proper backflow devices	X	
K42	Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained		
K43	Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned		
K44	Premises clean, in good repair; Personal/chemical storage; Adequate vermin-proofing		
K45	Floor, walls, ceilings: built, maintained, clean		
K46	No unapproved private home/living/sleeping quarters		
K47	Signs posted; last inspection report available		

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K48	Plan review	
K49	Permits available	
K58	Placard properly displayed/posted	

Comments and Observations

Major Violations

K23 - 8 Points - Observed rodents, insects, birds, or animals; 114259.1, 114259.4, 114259.5

Inspector Observations: *Observed vermin: live adult American cockroach moving from floor sink under ice machine to cold prep fridge. 5-10 dead roaches observed underneath and behind standing coolers.*

Follow-up By 09/04/2026

[CA] *A food facility shall not operate when there is a vermin infestation that has resulted in the contamination of food contact surfaces, food packaging, utensils, food equipment, or adulteration of food(s). The food facility shall cease operation of the food facility immediately. The food facility shall remain closed until: there is no longer evidence of a vermin infestation; all contaminated surfaces have been cleaned and sanitized; and contributing factors such as cleaning, repairs, and the elimination of harborages have been resolved.*

The kitchen shall not be used for any food preparation. The school must provide other alternatives sources of food for the students. Contact the district inspector for any follow-up inspection.

Minor Violations

K01 - 3 Points - Inadequate demonstration of knowledge; food manager certification

Inspector Observations: *One of the employee does not have active food handler cards.*

[CA] *Employee engaged in food preparation, storage, and service and who do not have food safety certificate must take food handler cards within a month of hire.*

California approved Food Handler Card (FHC) class providers

All Directory Listing

(a<https://anabpd.ansi.org/Accreditation/credentialing/certificate-issuers/AllDirectoryListing?prgID=228,238&statusID=4nsi.org>)

K29 - 2 Points - Toxic substances improperly identified, stored, used; 114254, 114254.1, 114254.2

Inspector Observations: *Chlorine in wiping cloth sanitizer bucket measured over 200ppm.*

[CA] *Maintain chemical concentration of chlorine sanitizer in wiping cloth sanitizer buckets at 100ppm*

K41 - 2 Points - Plumbing unapproved, not installed, not in good repair; improper backflow devices; 114171, 114189.1, 114190, 114192, 114193, 114193.1, 114199, 114201, 114269

Inspector Observations: *Observed drain hose from ice machine extends into the floor sink*

[CA] *Drain lines must be at least 1" above the floor sink or at a height twice the diameter of the drain in order to prevent backflow*

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Beef	Grill	165.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken	Grill	165.00 Fahrenheit	
Chloriner	Three compartment sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
Hot water	Three compartment sink	135.00 Fahrenheit	
Cheese	Walk-in cooler	39.00 Fahrenheit	IR
Beans	Grill	167.00 Fahrenheit	
Chlorine	Sanitizer bucket	200.00 PPM	
Cheese	Preparation fridge	39.00 Fahrenheit	

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Overall Comments:

Note: 1. The catering company is uses the school cafeteria to cook and serve food products.

2. Food safety manager certificate: Manual Gomez - 12/18/2028.

3. Employees without any food manager certificate must get a food handler card within a month of hire.

4. This is a joint inspection with Kaytlen Swanson. She wrote the report

CLOSURE / PERMIT SUSPENSION NOTICE

When required to determine compliance, a single reinspection will be conducted without additional charge. If subsequent reinspections are required, an hourly fee (minimum one hour) at the current rate approved by the Board of Supervisors will be assessed for each and every reinspection until the necessary changes or corrections are made. Unless otherwise noted by the inspector, all violations are to be corrected no later than **9/17/2026**. Any major change in menu or any change in ownership must have prior approval by this Department. This may require structural and/or equipment changes or remodeling to accommodate new operations.

This notice is to inform you that as of this date the Environmental Health Permit for the above mentioned food facility is hereby suspended and all operations therewith are ordered to cease. This action is taken in accordance with Section 114409 of the California Health and Safety Code which states 'If any imminent health hazard is found, unless the hazard is immediately corrected, an enforcement officer may temporarily suspend the permit and order the food facility or cottage food operation immediately closed.'

You have the right to make a written request for a hearing within 15 days after receipt of this notice to show just cause why the permit suspension is not warranted. Failure to request such a hearing within the 15-day period shall be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing. After these violations have been corrected, you must call the Department of Environmental Health for a reinspection to reinstate the permit to operate. Phone #: (408)918-3400.

Legend:

[CA]	Corrective Action
[COS]	Corrected on Site
[N]	Needs Improvement
[NA]	Not Applicable
[NO]	Not Observed
[PBI]	Performance-based Inspection
[PHF]	Potentially Hazardous Food
[PIC]	Person in Charge
[PPM]	Part per Million
[S]	Satisfactory
[SA]	Suitable Alternative
[TPHC]	Time as a Public Health Control



Received By: Manuel Gomez
Manager
Signed On: September 03, 2026