

# County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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## OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0262371 - ARAUJO'S MEXICAN GRILL		Site Address 3070 SENTER RD, SAN JOSE, CA 95111		Inspection Date 01/20/2026	
Program PR0385208 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP14			Owner Name ARAUJO'S MEXICAN GRILL II		Inspection Time 15:30 - 17:15
Inspected By MARCELA MASRI	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By FRANK ARAUJU	FSC NATHAN CASPER 10-24-27	

Placard Color & Score
<b>GREEN</b>
<b>89</b>

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		
K06 Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible			X	X			S
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		
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	X	
K28 Fruits and vegetables washed		
K29 Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used		
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	X	
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		
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	X	
K45 Floor, walls, ceilings: built, maintained, clean	X	
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

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

### Minor Violations

K06 - 3 Points - Inadequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible; 113953, 113953.1, 113953.2, 114067(f)

**Inspector Observations: FOUND A BLENDER AND A BOTTLE WITH LEMON JUICE STORED NEXT TO THE HAND WASH SINK NEAR THE ELECTRICAL ROOM. [CA] ENSURE THAT NO FOOD OR FOOD RELATED ITEMS ARE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE HAND WASH SINK.**

K27 - 2 Points - Food not separated and unprotected; 113984(a-d,f), 113986, 114060, 114067(a,d,e,j), 114069(a,b), 114077, 114089.1(c), 114143(c)

**Inspector Observations: FOUND A GROCERY PLASTIC BAG BEING USED TO STORE THE MASA. [CA] USE FOOD GRADE WASHABLE CONTAINERS TO STORE MASA.**

K36 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils, linens: Improper storage and use; 114074, 114081, 114119, 114121, 114161, 114178, 114179, 114083, 114185, 114185.2, 114185.3, 114185.4, 114185.5

**Inspector Observations: FOUND STAINLESS STEEL CONTAINERS BEING USED AS SCOOPS FOR THE RICE, BEANS AND POTATOES. [CA] USE ONLY FOOD GRADE WASHABLE SCOOPS WITH A HANDLE AND KEEP THE HANDLE OUTSIDE THE FOOD.**

K44 - 2 Points - Premises not clean, not in good repair; No personal/chemical storage; inadequate vermin-proofing; 114067(j), 114123, 114143 (a,b), 114256, 114256.1, 114256.2, 114256.4, 114257, 114257.1, 114259, 114259.2, 114259.3, 114279, 114281, 114282

**Inspector Observations: FOUND A BACKPACK AND A CAP STORED NEXT TO AN ONION SAC ON THE FOOD PREP COUNTER IN THE BACK. [CA] STORE PERSONAL ITEMS SEPARATE AND AWAY FROM FOOD OR FOOD RELATED ITEMS.**

**FOUND THE MOP STORED INSIDE THE MOP BUCKET. [CA] HANG THE MOP TO AIR DRY.**

K45 - 2 Points - Floor, walls, ceilings: not built, not maintained, not clean; 114143(d), 114266, 114268, 114268.1, 114271, 114272

**Inspector Observations: FOUND A COUPLE OF BROKEN TILES ON THE FLOOR BY THE ELECTRICAL ROOM. [CA] REPAIR THE FLOOR.**

### Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

### Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
SOUR CREAM	WALK IN COOLER	40.00 Fahrenheit	
BEEF	REACH IN FREEZER	2.00 Fahrenheit	
SALSA	REACH IN REFRIGERATOR	35.00 Fahrenheit	
CARNE ASADA	HOT HOLDING	145.00 Fahrenheit	
SHRIMP	DRAWER REFRIGERATOR	36.00 Fahrenheit	
BEEF	WALK IN COOLER	39.00 Fahrenheit	
PICO DE GALLO	SERVICE REFRIGERATOR	41.00 Fahrenheit	
FLAN	DISPLAY REFRIGERATOR	40.00 Fahrenheit	
CARNITAS	HOT HOLDING	151.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	3 COMPARTMENT SINK	120.00 Fahrenheit	
HOT WATER	HAND WASH SINK	100.00 Fahrenheit	

### Overall Comments:

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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 2/3/2026. 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.

## 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:** FRANK ARAUJO  
OWNER

**Signed On:** January 20, 2026