

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 03/12/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 90		
Program PR0414649 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP10			Owner Name GOMEZ, MANUEL		Inspection Time 12:20 - 13:10			
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						S
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						
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		
K30	Food storage: food storage containers identified		
K31	Consumer self service does prevent contamination		
K32	Food properly labeled and honestly presented		X
K33	Nonfood contact surfaces clean		
K34	Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips		
K35	Equipment, utensils: Approved, in good repair, adequate capacity		X
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

K32 - 2 Points - Food improperly labeled & not honestly presented: 114087, 114089, 114089.1(a, b), 114090, 114093.1

Inspector Observations: *Some individually packaged desserts and snacks, and others made in the facility but stored on the self-serve area do not have any label.*

[CA] *Food prepackaged in a food facility shall bear a label that complies with the labeling requirements prescribed by the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law, Part 5 and label information shall include:*

- 1. The common name of the food*
- 2. If made from two or more ingredients, a list of ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight, including a declaration of artificial color or flavor and chemical preservatives, if contained in the food.*
- 3. An accurate declaration of the quantity of contents.*
- 4. The name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor.*

K35 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils - Unapproved, unclean, not in good repair, inadequate capacity: 114130, 114130.1, 114130.2, 114130.3, 114130.4, 114130.5, 114132, 114133, 114137, 114139, 114153, 114155, 114163, 114165, 114167, 114169, 114175, 114177, 114180, 114182

Inspector Observations: *The white open top freezer used back in the storage area is a household standard one.*

[CA] *Equipment used in the facility must be NSF/ANSI approved, or ETL/UL sanitation listed one.*

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: *Boxes of tools and utensils were stored on the floor back in the storage area.*

[CA] *For easy floor cleaning and to prevent insect/rodent infestation and hiding, store all utensils/equipment at least six inches off the floor on approved shelf/dunnage rack at all the time.*

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: *The large side window of the kitchen was left open.*

[CA] *To prevent insect/rodent infections, keep the back door always closed or install a screen window.*

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

Inspector Observations: *Spider webs and dirt accumulation was observed on the walls above the storage room.*

[CA] *Conduct thorough regular cleaning on the walls.*

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Hot water	Three compartment sink	125.00 Fahrenheit	
Beef	Upright freezer	0.00 Fahrenheit	
Beef taco	Final cook	175.00 Fahrenheit	
Yogurt	Self-serve fridge	38.00 Fahrenheit	
Chlorine	Three compartment sink	100.00 PPM	
Shell eggs	Walk-in cooler	36.00 Fahrenheit	
Ice cream	Ice cream freezer	0.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

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

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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.

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 **3/26/2026**. 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: Manual Gomez
Owner
Signed On: March 12, 2026