

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0209861 - LA PLAZA MARKET TAQUERIA		Site Address 523 MCLAUGHLIN AV, SAN JOSE, CA 95116		Inspection Date 04/30/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 82		
Program PR0303024 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP14			Owner Name LA PLAZA MARKET, LLC.		Inspection Time 15:50 - 17:00			
Inspected By ALEXANDER ALFARO		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By MANUEL				FSC Manuel Trejo 11/24/2030

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						S
K06	Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						S
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures		X		X			
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	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		
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		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

K07 - 8 Points - Improper hot and cold holding temperatures; 11387.1, 113996, 113998, 114037, 114343(a)

Inspector Observations:

Carnitas in the steam table measured at 100F and beef birria in the steam table measured at 110F. Per cook, they were placed there 2 hours and 1.5 hours prior.

[CA] PHFs shall be held at 41°F or below or at 135°F or above.

[COS] Manager discarded the carnitas due to quality issues and had the beef birria reheated to 165F.

Minor Violations

K14 - 3 Points - Food contact surfaces unclean and unsanitized; 113984(e), 114097, 114099.1, 114099.4, 114099.6, 114101, 114105, 114109, 114111, 114113, 114115(a,b,d), 114117, 14125(b), 114141

Inspector Observations:

Quaternary ammonia solution in the three compartment sink measured at 100 ppm. No active warewashing was taking place.

[CA] Manual sanitization shall be accomplished in the final sanitizing rinse by contacting a chlorine solution of 100 PPM concentration for at least 30 seconds or by contacting a quaternary ammonium solution of 200 PPM concentration for at least 60 seconds.

[COS] Manager remade the solution and it measured at 200 ppm.

K21 - 3 Points - Hot and cold water not available; 113953(c), 114099.2(b), 114163(a), 114189, 114192, 114192.1, 11419

Inspector Observations:

Water at the restroom handwash sink measured at a maximum of 82F.

[CA] Handwashing facilities equipped with a mixing valve that is not readily adjustable at the faucet, shall provide warm water at least 100°F, but not greater than 108°F.

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:

Facility is storing knives behind the prep table in the back of house area.

[CA] Ensure to store knives on a clean surface.

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:

The waste drain pipe of the three compartment sink is leaking.

[CA] Repair plumbing fixture and maintain in clean and good repair.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

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Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Water	Three Compartment Sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
Water	Handwash Sink - Restroom	82.00 Fahrenheit	
Tamales	Hot Hold Steamer	135.00 Fahrenheit	
Pico de Gallo	Cold Hold Line	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Carne Asada	Steam Table	140.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Upright Cooler	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Carnitas	Steam Table	100.00 Fahrenheit	
Birria	Steam Table	110.00 Fahrenheit	
Quaternary Ammonia - Sanitizer	Three Compartment Sink	100.00 PPM	
Rice	Steam Table	140.00 Fahrenheit	
Water	Handwash Sink - Kitchen	100.00 Fahrenheit	
Beans	Steam Table	140.00 Fahrenheit	
Tamales	Steamer - Range	140.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

Notes:

- Reviewed pest control reports. No evidence of vermin observed.
- Discussed with PIC about using the outdoor charcoal grill. Facility shall only cook the chicken there and have oversight of the bbq at all times. No hot holding on the grill shall be taking place.
- Discussed with PIC about use of vertical broiler and limiting each meat cone to 4 hours on the broiler.

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 **5/14/2026**. 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

Manuel T. T. T.

Received By: Manuel
Manager
Signed On: April 30, 2026