

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0208722 - EL CERRITO TAQUERIA AND CENADURIA		Site Address 3110 MCKEE RD, SAN JOSE, CA 95127		Inspection Date 10/05/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 83		
Program PR0300758 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name EL CERRITO TAQUERIA AND		Inspection Time 10:15 - 11:45			
Inspected By GUILLERMO VAZQUEZ		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By AARON R.				FSC Not Available

RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS		IN	OUT		COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
			Major	Minor				
K01	Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification			X				N
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				S
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures			X				
K08	Time as a public health control; procedures & records						X	
K09	Proper cooling methods					X		
K10	Proper cooking time & temperatures	X						S
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		
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		
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		
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

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

Minor Violations

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

Inspector Observations: *Unable to provide a current food manger certification at the time of inspection.*

[CA] *Obtain a new food manger certification within 60-days.*

REPEAT VIOLATION. *Failure to comply may result in enforcement action.*

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

Inspector Observations: *Hand wash station next to the 3-compartment sink is missing a mounted soap dispenser next to the hand wash.*

[CA] *Install a new soap dispenser next to the hand wash station.*

K07 - 3 Points - Improper hot and cold holding temperatures; 11387.1, 113996, 113998, 114037, 114343(a)

Inspector Observations: *PHFs within walk in were measured between 43-44°F at the time of inspection.*

[CA] *PHFs shall be held at 41°F or below or at 135°F or above. Per PIC they contacted a contractor to look at unit.*

K22 - 3 Points - Sewage and wastewater improperly disposed; 114197

Inspector Observations: *Ice machine under the cashier station is not draining into a floor sink.*

[CA] *Liquid waste shall be disposed of through the approved plumbing system and shall discharge into the public sewerage or into an approved private sewage disposal system.*

K23 - 3 Points - Observed rodents, insects, birds, or animals; 114259.1, 114259.4, 114259.5

Inspector Observations: *Dead cockroaches noted on sticky trap within the small office.*

[CA] *Clean and sanitize area of dead cockroaches or old droppings.*

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: *Reach in next reach in freezer is not operational at the time of inspection.*

[CA] *Refrigeration must be capable of maintaining PHFs at 41°F or below.*

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Demonstration of knowledge; food manager certification.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Pico de gallo	Prep table #2	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Cheese	Prep table #2	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Cooked eggs	Cook line	198.00 Fahrenheit	Final cook temperature.
Ambient	Reach in freezers (2x)	5.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Walk in	43.00 Fahrenheit	Adjust to 41°F below.
Hot water	3-Compartment	120.00 Fahrenheit	
Salsa (tomato base)	Prep table	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Sanitizer (Chlorine)	3-Compartment	100.00 PPM	
Cooked steak	Hot holding (steam table)	166.00 Fahrenheit	
Cooked pork	Hot holding (steam table)	168.00 Fahrenheit	
Raw steak	Walk in	44.00 Fahrenheit	Adjust to 41°F below.
Warm water	Hand wash/restroom	100.00 Fahrenheit	

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Overall Comments:

On site for a Commissary agreement. Agreement is approved.

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 **10/19/2026**. 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: Aaron R.
Owner

Signed On: October 05, 2026