Healthy Retail in Contra Costa

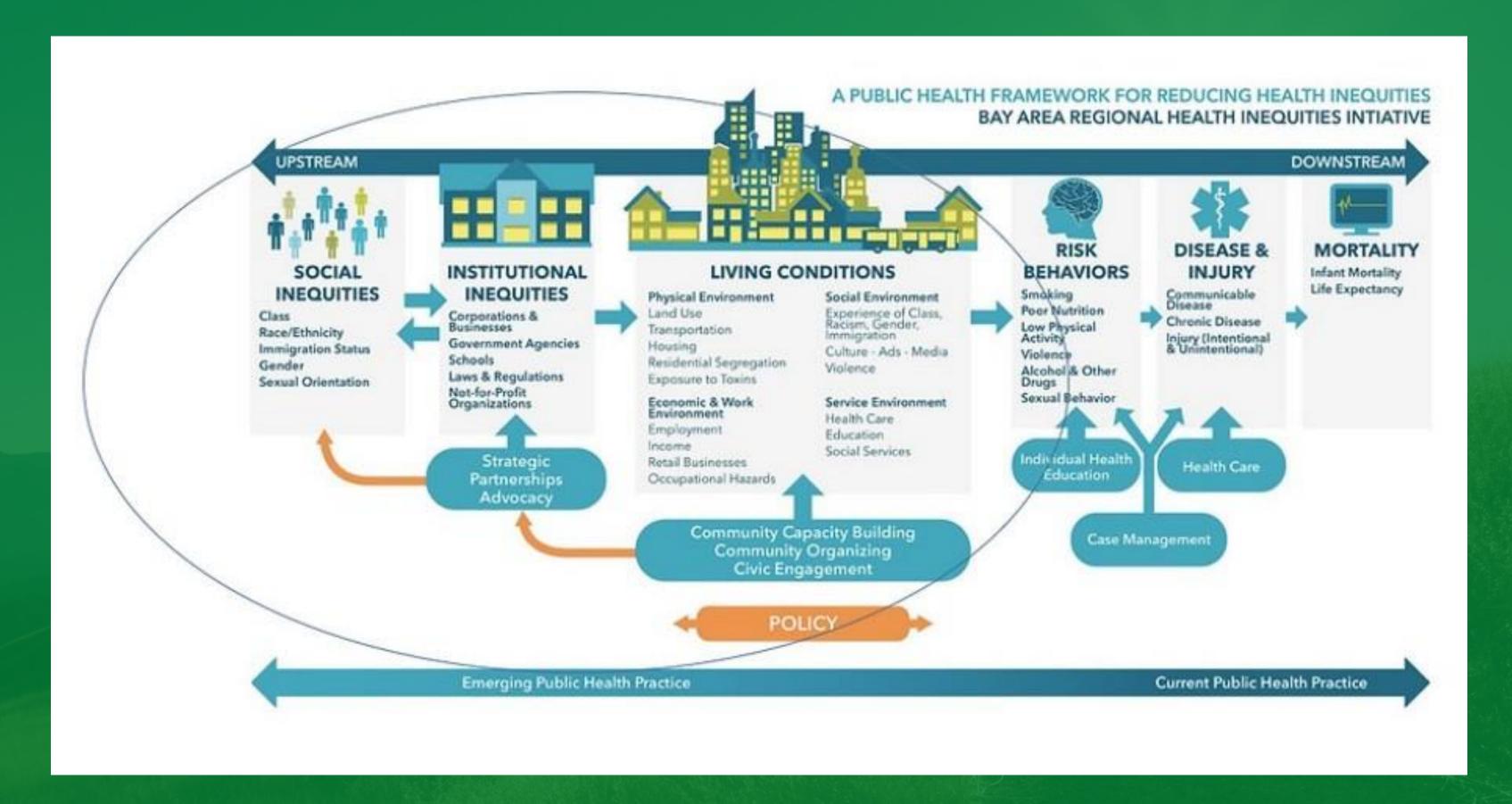
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Guiding Public Health Framework

Social Determinants of Health



Health Inequities in Contra Costa

Children

- Over 30% of children in 5th, 7th
 & 9th grades have overweight orobesity
- Inequities in obesity
 - 40% of African American children have overweight or obesity
 - 50% of Latino children have overweight or obesity

Adults

- Pre-diabetes prevalence is ~ 47% for adults in CCC
- In 94575 (Moraga) diabetes prevalence is 1.2%; in 94804 (Richmond) it's 12.2%
- STI rates are 7-10 times higher in Antioch & Richmond than in Danville



Public Health and the Retail Environment



Poor nutrition is one of the leading causes of preventable deadly illness



Lack of healthy food access affects low-income neighborhoods and communities of color the hardest



African American and Latino youth are disproportionally targeted with unhealthy marketing by the food and beverage industry



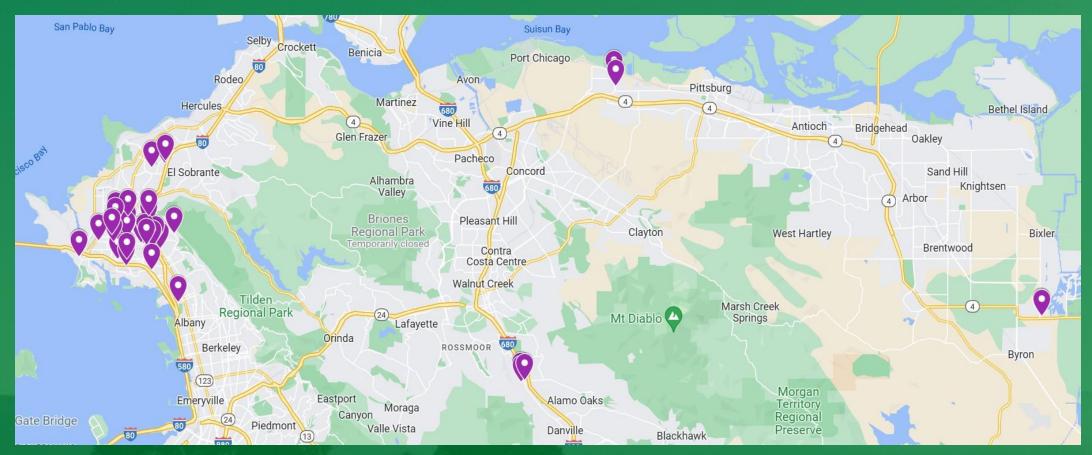
Condom availability varies drastically by income level

Youth-led Healthy Retail Initiative

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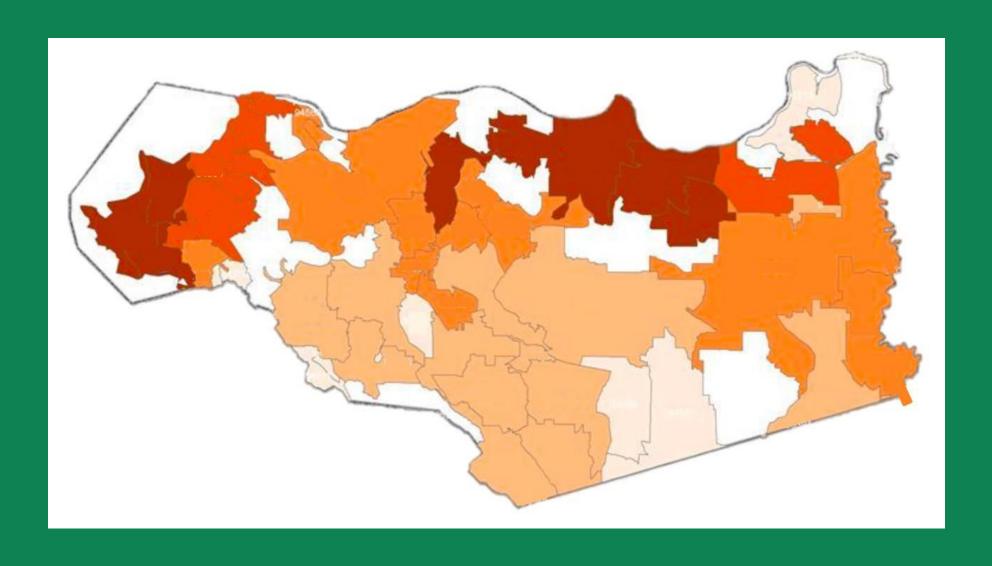
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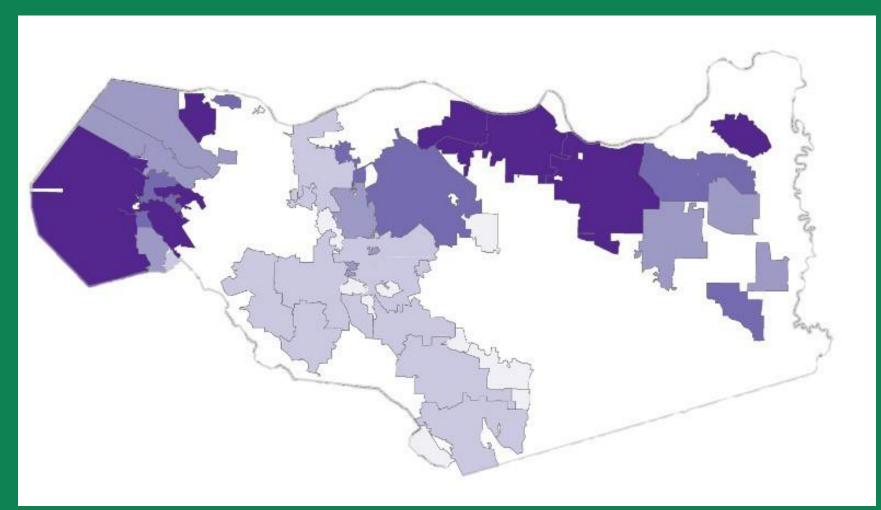
Survey 40 Food Stores: 55.5% foods unhealthy, 4.5% healthy, 40% gum/mints



- 5 Focus Groups, 8 Community Interviews & 3 Retailer Interviews
 - Unanimous support
- 562 Richmond voters surveyed
 - 77% support for the policy; 73% low-income shoppers' support

Health Inequities Of Sexually Transmitted Infections In Contra Costa





Chlamydia & Gonorrhea Annual Rate/100,000













% Individuals Living Below 200% of Federal Poverty Level





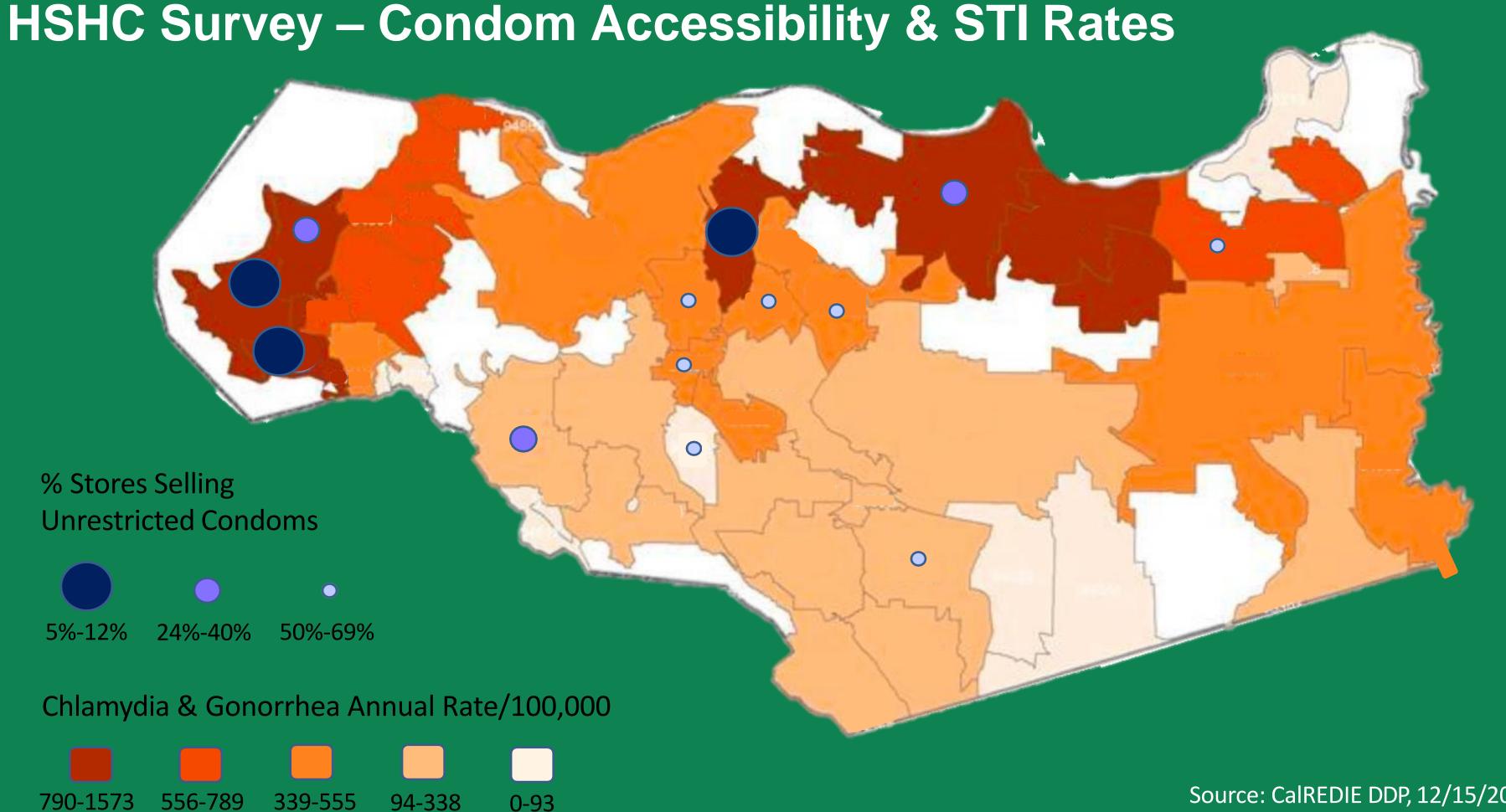




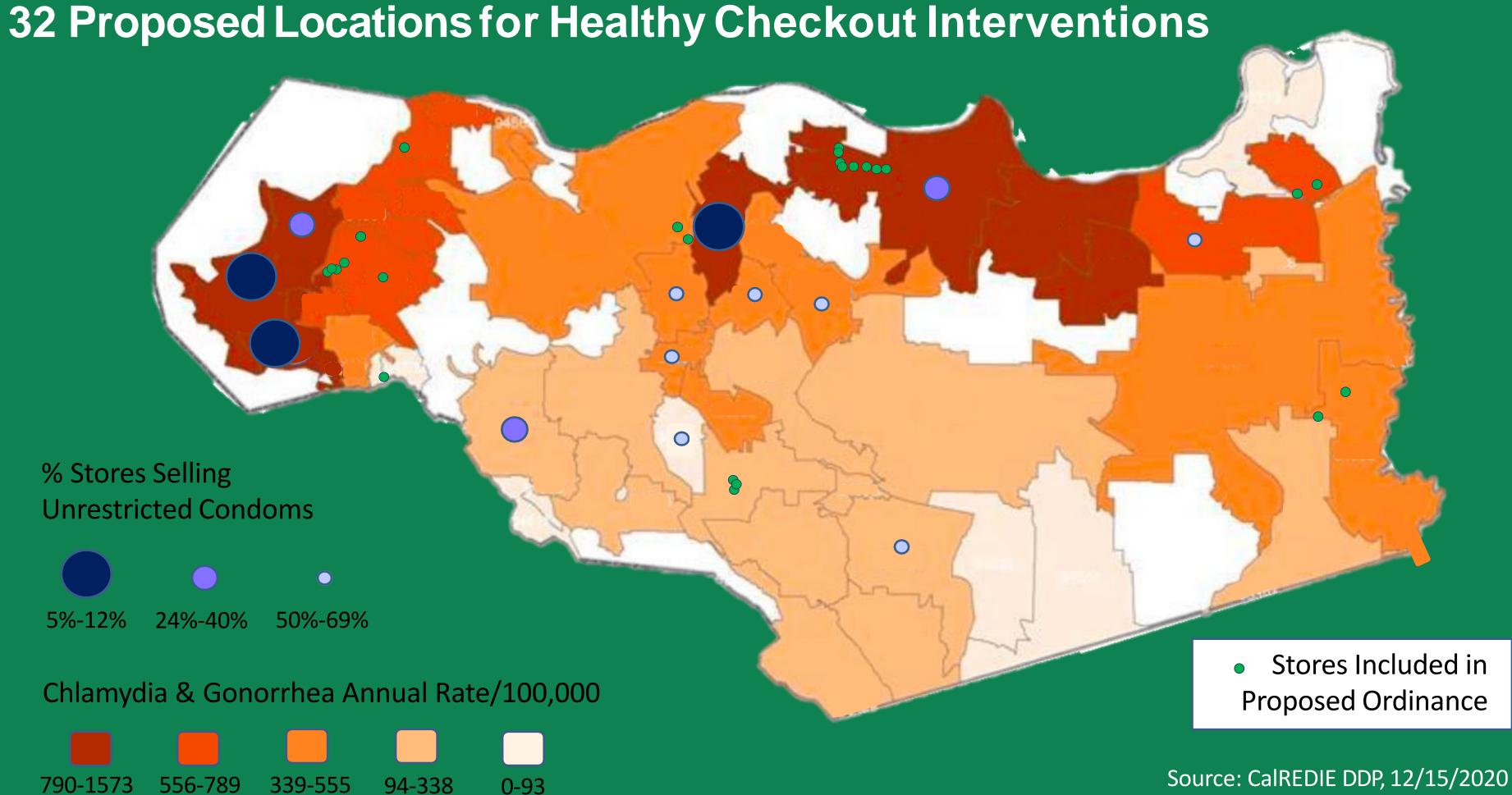


18.5%-28.7% 12.3% -18.4%

Source: CalREDIE DDP, 12/15/2020



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VISION FOR HEALTHY RETAIL IN CONTRA COSTA

A healthy retail environment is an environment where it is easier to make healthy choices than unhealthy ones.



RECOMMENDATION: A HEALTHY RETAIL ORDINANCE FOR STORES >2000 SQ. FT

Stock checkouts with more nutritious snacks in queues & within 3 ft of register:

Foods

- 5 or less grams of added sugar per serving
- 200 mg or less of sodium per serving

Gum and mints

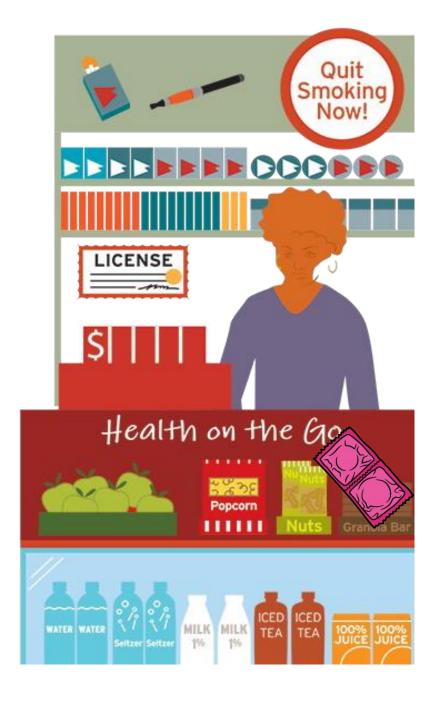
No added sugar

Beverages

- No added sugar
- No low- or no-calorie sweeteners

For future consideration: 1 facing of external condoms accessible without clerk assistance





TIMEFRAME: HEALTHY RETAIL ORDINANCE

Step 1
Healthy Retail
Ordinance

Step 2
Implementation
(months 1-8)

Step 3

Enforcement
@ 9 months

Step 4

Condom Amendment

@ 15 months

- **1. Engage Retailers**:
 Continue work with retailers
- 2. Ordinance
 Adoption: Present
 DRAFT Ordinance
 to set nutrition
 standards for items
 stocked at checkout
- 3. Develop Enforcement Structure

4. Support Retailers:

BACR & CCHS Staff will provide education and technical assistance to 32 unincorporated retailers including:

- Materials
- 1-on-1 TA
- No penalty inspections

5. Begin Enforcement:

CCHS staff will conduct annual spot checks at checkout

Stores in violation will be subject to an incremental system beginning with a warning and increasing from \$100-\$500 with subsequent violations

6. Conduct Research:

additional research and outreach around condom access

7. Make Recommendations:

to the BOS that the ordinance be amended to include condom access — making one type of condom available without staff assistance

Thank you!









