

# THE HOPS TEAM



HOPS IS A YOUTH LED, COMMUNITY DRIVEN, HEALTH ADVOCACY PROJECT.

# WHAT IS HEALTHY RETAIL?



A CAMPAIGN TO ADVOCATE FOR MINIMUM NUTRITION STANDARDS FOR SNACKS & BEVERAGES SOLD AT CHECKOUT AND TO KEEP SODAS IN THE SODA AISLE.

- FRESH & DRIED FRUIT AND VEGGIES
- NUTS
- WATER
- WHOLE GRAINS
- **100% JUICE**
- AND MORE!



# WHY FOCUS ON HEALTHY RETAIL?

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THE MAJORITY OF FOOD PURCHASES COME FROM GROCERY STORES

PRODUCT PLACEMENT
IS A POWERFUL
RETAIL MARKETING
TECHNIQUE

PAID PRODUCT
PLACEMENT
PROMPTS
IMPULSE BUYS

GOOD FOR BOTH CUSTOMERS AND BUSINESSES

# WHY DO WE NEED IT?

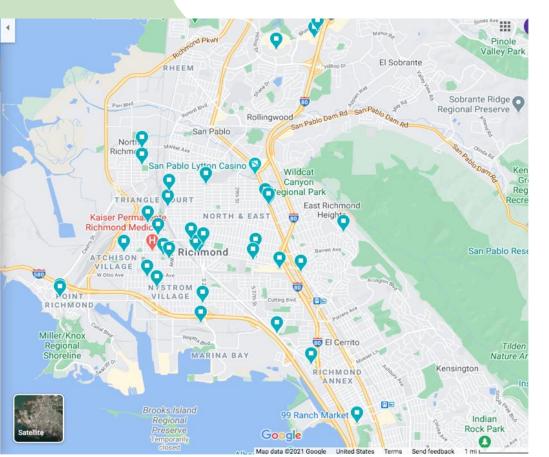
- LACK OF LOCAL FOOD STORES THAT HAVE CONVENIENT FOOD & DRINKS THAT ARE ALSO HEALTHY
- GROWING NUMBER OF HEALTH ISSUES IN THE COMMUNITY
  - HEART DISEASE, DIABETES, CAVITIES, AND CANCER
- SUGARY BEVERAGES ARE FOUND IN 30 PLACES IN AN AVERAGE STORE







# RICHMOND COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT



#### 33 FOOD STORES ASSESSED

CHECKOUTS AT GROCERY AND CORNER STORES, PHARMACIES, DEPARTMENT STORES, AND MORE

#### **5 FOCUS GROUPS**

PARTICIPANTS IN THE VIRTUAL FOCUS GROUPS WERE ALL RESIDENTS OF RICHMOND

#### **8 KEY INTERVIEWS**

WITH LOCAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, EDUCATORS, FOOD SERVICE PROFESSIONALS, ETC

#### **3 RETAILER INTERVIEWS**

LOCAL GROCERY AND CONVENIENCE STORE
OWNERS WERE INTERVIEWED AND ASKED AROUT THEIR

# STORE CHECKOUT ASSESSMENT HIGHLIGHTS





#### OVERALL, 60% OF BEVERAGES AT CHECKOUT ARE UNHEALTHY









#### COMPARED TO ONLY 17% HEALTHY







AND 16% 'OTHER'. THESE ARE NOT VERY NUTRITIONAL, BUT HAVE LOW TO NO ADDED SUGAR. THEY ARE MOSTLY ALCOHOL AND COFFEE.

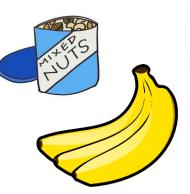
#### SIMILARLY, 65% OF FOOD SOLD IS UNHEALTHY





















**28%** ARE IN BETWEEN, LIKE GUM, TRAIL MIX, BREAD, AND FRESH OR HOT PREPARED FOODS.



CANDY MAKES UP 40% OF ALL FOOD SOLD AT CHECKOUT, AND 25% OF ALL PRODUCTS AT CHECKOUT, INCLUDING BEVERAGES AND NON-FOOD MERCHANDISE!

#### **NON-FOOD MERCHANDISE LIKE:**

#### **HOME GOODS.**







BATH,

MAKE UP 28% OF PRODUCTS AT CHECKOUT

# FOCUS GROUP & KEY INTERVIEW FINDINGS

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- UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR HEALTHY CHECKOUT
- MAIN MOTIVATIONS WERE
  - TARGETED MARKETING AT CHILDREN
  - DIET RELATED LONG TERM HEALTH EFFECTS ON YOUTH
  - LACK OF ACCESS IN LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS TO QUALITY FOODS
  - MANY LEAVE RICHMOND TO GROCERY SHOP
  - DESIRE TO SUPPORT LOCAL FARMERS IN THEIR PURCHASES

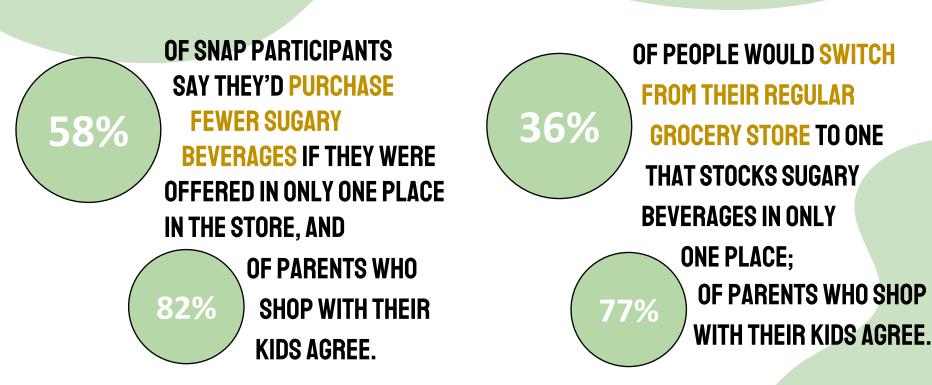


- 77% SUPPORT FOR THE POLICY
- 73% LOW INCOME SHOPPERS SUPPORT
- PARENTS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED FOR YOUTH

## RETAILER INTERVIEW FINDINGS

- FULL SUPPORT FOR HEALTHY CHECKOUT
- MAIN CONCERNS
  - LACK OF DEMAND
  - SHORT SHELF LIFE OF PRODUCE
  - CUSTOMERS HAVE THE CHOICE TO EAT HEALTHY

# KEEPING SODA IN THE SODA AISLE NATIONAL SURVEY





## **HEALTHY RETAIL SUGGESTIONS**





#### **FULLY STOCK CHECKOUTS WITH NUTRITIOUS SNACKS:**

- FOODS WITH
  - 5 OR LESS GRAMS OF ADDED SUGAR PER SERVING
  - 200 MG OR LESS OF SODIUM PER SERVING
- BEVERAGES
  - NO ADDED SUGAR
  - NO ADDED SWEETENERS
  - LIST OF QUALIFYING ITEMS
- EXEMPTIONS FOR PRE-PREPARED, HOMEMADE FOODS



# HEALTHY RETAIL SUGGESTIONS: KEEP SODA IN THE SODA AISLE

- SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGES IN <u>OR</u> ON END CAP OF ONE DRINK AISLE ONLY
- NO SUGARY DRINKS IN FREESTANDING DISPLAYS



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- ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT
  - INTEGRATE INTO ANNUAL INSPECTIONS
- LARGE RETAIL STORES >4000 SQ FT FIRST
  - II STORES
- SMALL STORES PHASED IN 6 MONTHS LATER
  - 84 STORES



## WHAT IMPACT WILL HEALTHY RETAIL HAVE?

- GIVE ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND DRINKS
- EXPOSURE TO A GREATER VARIETY OF PRODUCE AND HEALTHY SNACKS
- MAKE IT EASIER FOR KIDS TO MAKE HEALTHIER CHOICES
- BEGIN TO CHANGE SNACKING NORMS
- HELP POSITIVELY INFLUENCE
   PUBLIC HEALTH

"It would encourage my son to choose healthier snacks when we're checking out instead of asking for candy! And, although I'm a fairly healthy shopper I definitely fall victim to items at the checkout lane." - Resident

