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- In total, Contra Costa County has 19 cities that look to and emulate the County's tobacco prevention policies.
- Along with the County, 5 jurisdictions have already adopted a ban on flavored tobacco as shown on the map on the left;
 - and of those, there are 2 with a ban on the sale of vaping products (Richmond and the unincorporated County)
- The goal of our County's ordinance to ban flavored tobacco and vaping products was to
 reduce youth access and exposure to tobacco products in the tobacco retail environment.
 But as you can see from the map on the right, many tobacco retailers are on the border line
 between jurisdictions that have adopted flavor restrictions and those that do not have any
 tobacco prevention policies.
- Youth can still access vaping products and flavored tobacco when they go to a tobacco retailer in a neighboring city where vaping products and flavors are sold
- While our local public health department has undertaken many successful local efforts to reduce underage tobacco use, a statewide policy driven effort can assist local efforts to combat the youth flavored tobacco epidemic.