

June 28, 2005

Dear:

In December 2004, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors passed a Healthy Vending Machine Policy intended to apply to all machines placed on county owned, operated or leased properties. The policy requires that half of the food and beverage items offered should be considered nutritious as described in the information enclosed.

The Community Wellness and Prevention Program staff is available to assist each vendor about healthy food and beverage choices available through wholesale suppliers. We have included what we consider to be an initial list of such foods and where they can be obtained. This list is not inclusive of all the healthy choices that may be available and we would be happy to review and add approved items as needed.

To assist the consumer in identifying items in machines meeting the nutrition standards, we are asking you to designate at least half or more slots for healthy offerings and identify these slots with a sticker (green star). In addition, please place the enclosed poster in a highly visible location at the machine. The poster explains which items meet the nutrition standards. Periodically, the vending machines will be surveyed to see if the posters and stickers are in place and whether items in the designated slots meet the nutrition standards.

We are hoping that all vending machines will be in compliance before September 1, 2005. If you are having difficulty obtaining approved items or need other assistance, please contact us.

Thank you for your participation in making healthy choices available for Contra Costans.

Sincerely,

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