

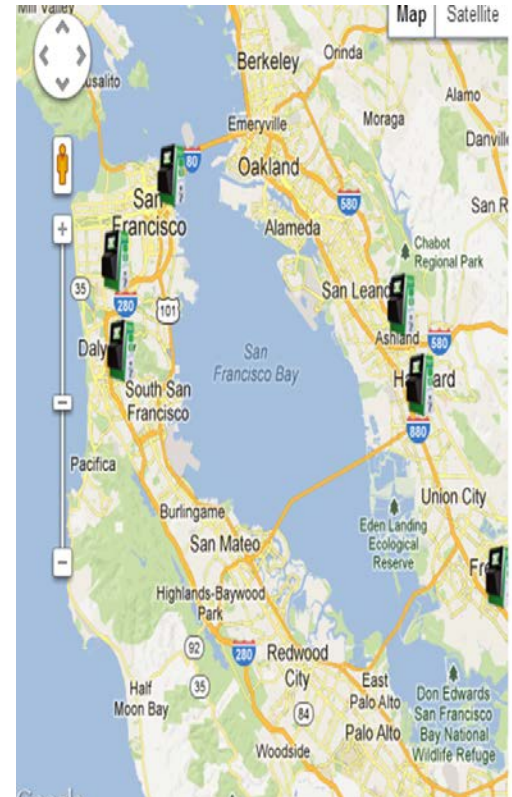
# Ban on Automated Purchasing Machines



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# Locations in the Bay Area

- **San Francisco**
- **Richmond**
- **Hayward**
- **San Leandro**
- **Daly City**



# Public Safety Hazards

- **Cell phone thefts are a serious problem in Oakland**
  - 3,390 cell phone thefts in 2013
  - 80% of all robberies in 2013 included a cell phone
  - This year's numbers are rising, despite decreases in robberies overall
- This ban is a public safety policy statement

# Video Clip from the Today Show



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# Why ban these machines?

- We must decrease the opportunity for criminals to profiteer from robbery
- In Washington, D.C., criminals arrested for cell phone robberies stated that the convenient access to anonymous automated purchasing machines enticed them to commit those crimes

# Existing Bans on Automated Purchasing Machines:

- Riverside, California
- Baltimore, Maryland
- Baltimore County, Maryland

# ecoATM's "Theft Prevention Measures"

- Driver's License
- Photo
- Fingerprint
- Video monitoring of transactions from company headquarters in San Diego
- These are not sufficient to prevent crime

