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4. **Bar patios are exempted:** Novato’s ordinance does protect residents, workers and visitors in unenclosed restaurant areas, but bars are exempted in Novato’s old ordinance and protection needs to be extended to include both patrons and workers in outdoor areas of bars, as is included in most of the recent ordinances in other communities.
5. **Novato’s C Grade on the American Lung Association Report Card:** Once Novato’s Council updates the smoke-free ordinance to reflect more current public health standards, and enacts a tobacco retailer licensing ordinance to protect youth, Novato will receive an A grade.

Novato and Sonoma have the same City Attorneys who prepared a very progressive “Tobacco Retailer Licensing” ordinance that was enacted by the Sonoma City Council and became a state-wide model. This “TRL” prohibits candy flavored tobacco, cigarillos, and youth friendly products while requiring minimum pack size to help prevent youth nicotine addiction. Sonoma’s ordinance is over one year old and has reduced youth tobacco access. Novato youth would be well served by a similar ordinance, particularly if it includes a Tobacco-Free Pharmacy component, similar to the one adopted by the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

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See Comparison Table (next page) showing the areas of concern about the current language compared with the proposed language that would bring Novato’s smoke-free ordinance up to today’s standards.

