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The Honorable Susan Bonilla  
Member, California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 94249-0014  
Sacramento, CA 94514

**RE: AB 1147 (Bonilla, Gomez, Holden) Massage Therapy Act of 2014 –  
Notice of Support**

Dear Assembly Member Bonilla:

The City of Benicia supports your AB 1147, which would completely revise and recast the law pertaining to massage therapy, including returning land use control back to the cities.

AB 1147 allows local governments to enact ordinances that would require a certificate of massage establishment to obtain a license, permit or other authorization as long as that license, permit or other authorization is required of any other individual or business providing professional services. Having this authority returned will allow local governments to prevent businesses operating under the auspices of massage therapy from engaging in prostitution and human trafficking.

For these reasons, the City of Benicia supports AB 1147.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Patterson  
Mayor of Benicia

cc: Benicia City Council  
Senator Noreen Evans  
Assembly Member, Ken Cooley  
Jason Rhine, Legislative Representative, League of California Cities  
Nancy Bennett, North Bay Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities