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April 29, 2014

The Honorable Susan Bonilla
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 4140
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via FAX: (916) 319-2114

RE: **AB 1147 (Bonilla, Gomez, Holden) Massage Therapy Act of 2014.
Notice of SUPPORT with proposed amendments**

Dear Assembly Member Bonilla:

The City of Downey supports your bill, 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 that operate under the auspices of massage therapy from engaging in prostitution and human trafficking. It is essential that local governments be permitted to adopt ordinances to require massage establishments to comply with reasonable health and safety requirements and abide by hours of operation.

The inability to regulate massage businesses as we would any other business results in significant inequities and leaves us with few tools to ensure public safety at these establishments. We believe that AB 1147 helps to address these concerns and therefore the City of Downey supports the legislation.

Sincerely,

CITY OF DOWNEY

Fernando Vasquez
Mayor

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