



## Mayor Acquanetta Warren

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June 4, 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.** *(As amended on April 23, 2014)*

### Notice of SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Bonilla:

The City of Fontana 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 massage establishments to obtain a license, permit or other authorization from the jurisdiction where the business is located. Having this authority returned to local governments will reduce the occurrences of businesses operating as a legitimate massage therapy establishment; when, in fact, they are nothing more than a front for illegal activity such as prostitution and human trafficking.

Since the implementation of SB731 Fontana experienced a significant increase in massage therapy establishments. On multiple occasions the police department arrested people for prostitution and sexual assault. SB731 created the environment that caused an exponential increase in establishments and then seriously interfered with the city's ability to suspend/revoke the license of the therapist(s) in question. While AB 1147 allows the CAMTC to retain oversight of the therapists, returning land use control to local jurisdictions will aid in the reduction of illicit massage therapy establishments.

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

Sincerely,

Mayor, City of Fontana

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