



June 06, 2014

The Honorable Senator Ted Lieu
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4061
Sacramento, CA 95814

Reply to: Alice Fredericks
Chair, Legislative Committee
MCCMC Tiburon Town Hall
1505 Tiburon Blvd
Tiburon, CA 94920

Re: AB 1147 (Bonilla): Massage Therapy- Support

Dear Senator Lieu:

The Marin County Council of Mayors and Council members (MCCMC) supports AB 1147 which would completely revise and recast the law pertaining to massage therapy. We greatly appreciate the authors' assistance in crafting legislation that would remedy the unintended consequences of SB 731 (2008) and give tools to local governments to address massage business involved in illegal activities.

MCCMC has been well represented by the League of California Cities (League) on this issue. The League has been very involved in this effort and has been continually requesting that three issues be addressed: 1) that the California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC) be replaced with a State-appointed board or commission that has the authority to regulate the massage business industry; 2) that businesses that employ massage professionals be better regulated, and that local governments be allowed to apply reasonable regulations to massage businesses; and 3) that local governments be authorized to recoup their costs in the regulation efforts in order to protect the public. MCCMC believes AB 1147 addresses all of the concerns raised by the League and supports AB 1147.

AB 1147 returns land use concern back to the cities and counties. Further, this bill explicitly authorizes local governments to adopt ordinances to require massage establishments to comply with reasonable health and safety requirements and abide by hours of operation. Also, this bill would authorize jurisdictions to collect regulatory fees in accordance with Proposition 26 as well as pay business license taxes.

MCCMC supports AB 1147

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice Fredericks".

Alice Fredericks, Chair
Legislative Committee
Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers

Cc: Senator Noreen Evans
Assembly member Marc Levine