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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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) Massage Therapy Act of 2014. (As amended on April 23, 2014)

**Notice of Support** 

Dear Assembly Member Bonilla:

The City of Moorpark is pleased to **support** 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 as long as that license, permit or other authorization is required of any other individual or business providing professional services.

Most importantly, the bill returns land use control back to the cities and counties as well as 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. While AB 1147 does not replace the California Massage Therapy Council with a board or commission, it does reconstitute the California Massage Therapy Council Board and adds public members as well as a position for a police chief. Finally, the bill would authorize jurisdictions to collect regulatory fees in accordance to Proposition 26 as well as pay business license taxes.

For these reasons, City of Moorpark supports AB 1147.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

cc:

Honorable City Council; Senator Pavley; Assembly Member Gorell; Steve Kueny, City Manager; League of California Cities David Mullinax and Meg Desmond