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VIA FAX ONLY (916) 319-2114

The Honorable Susan Bonilla
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 4140
Sacramento, CA 95814

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 National City supports Assembly Bill 1147, which would completely revise and recast the law pertaining to massage therapy, including returning land use control back to the cities.

Most importantly, AB 1147 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. 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 National City supports AB 1147.

Sincerely,

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City Manager

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