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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 Norwalk supports 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 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 operating under the auspices of massage therapy from engaging in prostitution and human trafficking.

Prior to the enactment of SB 731, the City of Norwalk had two (2) massage establishments. However, in the past five years, the number of this type of establishment has grown to six times its previous number, bringing the total to twelve (12). The influx of these establishments has caused concern for both residents and nearby business owners regarding property values, as well as possible illegal activities, such as human trafficking and prostitution.

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

Sincerely,

Marcel Rodarte
Mayor

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