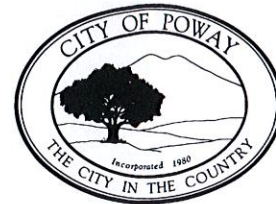


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June 3, 2014
Via facsimile 916-319-2114

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

The City of Poway **SUPPORTS AB 1147 (Bonilla) Massage Therapy Act of 2014** as amended on April 23, 2014.

Dear Assembly Member Bonilla,


The City of Poway supports the passage of AB 1147, which would return local land use control back to cities by revising and recasting laws concerning massage therapy.

AB 1147 allows local government to enact ordinances that would require a certificated 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.

The passage of AB 1147 would allow cities like Poway to rectify the negative impacts of SB 731. Since the passage of SB 731, there has been a significant rise in the number of businesses that advertise on illicit web sites. Returning land use control and zoning authority to cities will help in addressing this community problem.

For these reasons, the City of Poway supports AB 1147 and encourages its passage.

Very truly yours,


Don Higginson
Mayor

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