

# CITY OF SAN CARLOS



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Senator Jerry Hill  
State Capitol, Room 5064  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Via Fax: (916) 651-4913

**RE: AB 1147 (Bonilla, Gomez, Holden) Massage Therapy Act of 2014. (As amended on April 23, 2014)**  
**Notice of SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Hill:

The City of San Carlos supports your 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 certificate of 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.

We believe that retaining local control over land use and zoning authority is the ideal way to govern a community, as local agencies are in the best position to know what the residents and businesses desire. In addition, it supports our public safety officers in their efforts to serve and protect the community.

For these reasons, the City of San Carlos supports AB 1147.

Sincerely,

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City Manager

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