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

RE: AB 1147 (Bonilla, Gomez, Holden). Massage Therapy Act of 2014 (amended April 23, 2014); NOTICE OF SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Bonilla:

The City of San Rafael is pleased to support AB 1147, which would completely revise and recast the law pertaining to massage therapy. We greatly appreciate the authors' assistance in crafting legislation that would remedy the unintended consequences of SB 731 (2008) and give tools to local governments to address massage businesses involved in illegal activities.

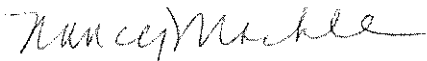
On this matter, the City of San Rafael has been well represented by the consistent efforts of the League of California Cities (League). The League has been very involved in this effort and has been continually requesting that three issues to be addressed: 1) that the California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC) be replaced with a State-appointed board or commission that has the authority to regulate the massage business industry; 2) that businesses that employ massage professionals be better regulated, and that local governments be allowed to apply reasonable regulations to massage businesses; and 3) that local governments be authorized to recuperate their costs in the regulation efforts in order to protect the public. We believe AB 1147 addresses all of the concerns raised by the League and, as such, we fully support AB 1147.

AB 1147 returns land use control back to the cities and counties. Further, this bill 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 CAMTC with a board or commission, it does reconstitute the CAMTC's 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.

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If you have any questions regarding the City of San Rafael's position on this bill, please do not hesitate to contact me at 415.485.3070 or e-mail at nancy.mackle@cityofsanrafael.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Mackle".

Nancy Mackle
City Manager

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