May 19, 2014

Assembly Member Susan Bonilla
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1147 (Bonilla, Gomez, Holden) – Massage Therapy Act of 2014
Notice of Support

Dear Assembly Member Bonilla:

The City of Del Mar 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 certificates 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 City of Del Mar is a small city with a vibrant downtown and having the ability to locally control establishments would help to sustain its vision for a tranquil place of natural beauty where residents and visitors feel safe and enjoy opportunities for recreation and entertainment.

For these reasons, the City of Del Mar supports AB 1147.

Sincerely,

Lee Haydu
Mayor

cc: City Council