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The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
State Capitol
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Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi:

On behalf of my city council colleagues, I wish to express the City of Palm Desert's support of AB 1147.

This bill revises the qualifications for a certified massage practitioner (CMP) by requiring applicants pass a massage and bodywork competency examination. The examination would meet generally recognized psychometric principles and standards and is approved by the California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC).

While we support the intent of AB 1147, we respectfully request you consider including the following measures that would strengthen local enforcement and regulation of such establishments:

1. The ability to place moratoria on the number of establishments within municipalities;
2. The ability to use conditional use permits and permanent land use of the space formerly occupied by a noncompliant/criminal business; and
3. Codify certificate holder rules in the Business and Profession Code as punitive regulations that are misdemeanors or infractions, as appropriate, which are enforceable by local law enforcement and may be filed in criminal court.

As this bill ensures a greater degree of accountability by requiring applicants pass a competency examination, the City of Palm Desert endorses AB 1147. Thank you for consideration of our proposed amendments. Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information by contacting Stephen Y. Aryan, Risk Manager, at (760) 776-6326.

Sincerely,

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MAYOR

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