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## THE CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA

April 30, 2014

The Honorable Susan Bonilla  
Member, California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 4140  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Via FAX: (916) 319-2114

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

Dear Assembly Member Bonilla:

The City of Rancho Cucamonga **SUPPORTS** your **AB 1147**, which would completely revise and recast the law pertaining to massage therapy and return land use authority back to cities. This bill would fix the unintended consequences that resulted from SB 731 (2008) and give tools to local governments to address establishments that participate in illegal activities.

Since the enactment of SB 731, cities have seen a tremendous increase the number of massage parlors, many of which are illicit establishments. In Rancho Cucamonga, the number of massage establishments increased from four (4) in 2009 to 37 in 2014. Since there is no way for cities to regulate this industry, businesses claiming to use only certified massage therapists go unregulated.

This bill will return land use control back to the cities and counties and authorize local governments to adopt ordinances that would require a registered 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 to cities will allow local governments to prevent businesses operating under the auspices of massage therapy from engaging in prostitution and human trafficking.

For these reasons, the City of Rancho Cucamonga **SUPPORTS AB 1147**.

Sincerely,

L. Dennis Michael  
Mayor

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