June 6, 2014

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

Via FAX: (916) 319-2114


Dear Assembly Member Bonilla:

As the Mayor of Roseville, I am writing to express our support of 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 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.

Massage parlors that operate using the pretext of providing genuine massage and bodywork services, but in reality are operations providing prostitution and other illegal activities, are an economic drain to our community. In addition, these illegal establishments consume valuable economic and personnel resources that could be used in countless other, more effective ways. AB 1147 would allow the City to address issues with illegal massage and bodyworks operations in a more effective and judicious manner.

It is for these reasons that Roseville supports AB 1147. Please contact Scott Koll, Roseville Police Department at (916) 746-1056 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Mayor
City of Roseville

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