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## **SAN DIEGO REVISES ITS RULES & REGULATIONS REGARDING THE MASSAGE INDUSTRY** *Chris Cate's Proposal to Protect Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking Receives Unanimous Support*

San Diego, CA: Following Councilmember Chris Cate's [original proposal](#) first introduced at the City of San Diego's Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee, Councilmember Cate's legislation regarding the massage establishment police permits received unanimous support from the San Diego City Council.

### Ordinance Highlights:

- City of San Diego permit requirement for massage establishment or sole practitioner massage establishment
- Establish grounds for denial and revocation of massage establishment permits
- End of the revolving door: no permit for a massage establishment or a sole practitioner massage establishment shall be issued if, within the two years immediately preceding the date of the filing of the application, the permit of a previous owner of a massage establishment or a sole practitioner massage establishment at the same address was revoked
- Prohibits massage establishments from being used for residential purposes
- Posting of public notice regarding slavery and human trafficking

This ordinance will take effect on January 1, 2020.

"Combatting human trafficking has been a top priority for my office. We need to provide the San Diego Police Department and City Attorney's Office with the tools they need to effectively and efficiently shut down bad actors and combat human trafficking in massage establishments while lifting up the legitimate profession of massage therapy," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

Item 331: Proposed Revisions to the Municipal Code and Fees Related to the Massage Industry  
<http://bit.ly/2WJTYGB>

These regulations reflect best practices as outlined by the [California Massage Therapy Council](#) and have already been adopted by numerous cities and counties throughout California.