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**From:** Raffi Boloyan  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 10:06 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Copy of General Contact - Question/comment for City Council - 8809221

Ms [REDACTED]

Thank you for your comments to the City Council regarding their upcoming consideration of the termination of the massage moratorium. We are glad that you recognize the City’s efforts in addressing the illicit massage issue. It has been a lot of work, but with the Council’s directive on this, we have achieved a great deal of success in closing illicit establishments in our City through our enforcement actions.

Your comments that the City should continue with the moratorium will be forwarded to the Council.

I would like to suggest that you may want to review the staff report that has been prepared for this item, as that will explain the purpose of the moratorium, as well as the study that was conducted as to whether any zoning tools could be developed to further address the issue and the staff conclusions and recommendation. The report also includes a update of the enforcement activities. For the staff report, you can go to <http://www.cityofsanrafael.org/meetings> and look under “upcoming meetings and events”, then click on the “agenda” link for “City Council , October 5, 2015” and the massage item is agenda item #5. Click on that agenda item link and it will open up the staff report. Also, we had made a presentation to the Council at their last meeting, on the same topic and update on the research at their September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and you can watch that video by clicking [here](#)

Two important notes. First, in regards to a moratorium, a City cannot adopt a moratorium in perpetuity. A moratorium is a tool that cities have to have to allow for a temporary pause, upto a maximum of 2 years, to allow the city to study a use and see whether any changes to the zoning code are feasible and/or necessary. Second, this recommendation for terminating the moratorium does not effect the city’s on-going enforcement efforts. Those enforcement efforts are on-going and currently funded through end of June 21016. The Council has heard from many people about the need to continue with enforcement to ensure these issues do not return

Hope this helps and please feel free to watch the council meeting on Granicus (at the same page I referenced above) or come to the meeting and provide your opinion in person

Raffi Boloyan



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can find the zoning for your property at your leisure

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Hi, I just read the SR snapshot newsletter and wanted to comment on the "massage" parlor issue in SR. I live in an area where thanks to the work of the city council/mayor and others we were able to close down Orchard "spa". That being said I am still interested in closing down these other illegal massage parlors as they create a stain on our community.

I will defer to Kate Colon and the mayor on what they think is best to close these establishments. But I want to keep up the pressure.

I commute through downtown everyday on the way to SF and see all of the new and old "parlors" and want to see them all closed. As I saw somewhere ... "if they have a neon sign offering a massage it is not legitimate". The legitimate spa's I completely support - always nice to have a nice massage!

Thank you all for your continued effort to clean up the downtown and bring it back to it's potential. This includes both illicit massage parlors and the homeless. Once they are cleaned out more business and people will want to come downtown.