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Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Mission Accomplished: Last Massage Ordinance Update Email (Hooray!!)
Date:	Wednesday, March 5, 2025 7:40:21 AM

To all:
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Kurtis

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Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 8:43:10 AM

Dear all

That was a truly moving experience last night-the culmination of efforts by community members expressing concerns regarding the proliferation of massage parlors opening in their neighborhoods, and the recognition of a true community organizer , Kurtis Bennett, who brought in key players including the SRPD, the DA's department, Verity, the Family Justice Center, code enforcement, CMTC and our elected leaders to make real change. Just a little more than a year after that first community meeting at the downtown Santa Rosa library, amended ordinances regarding massage were created, proposed and passed unanimously to keep our communities safer and to protect the livelihoods of legitimate massage therapists. These ordinances will in turn provide the opportunity for more targeted support to victims of Human Trafficking. As a member of the Sonoma County Human Trafficking Task Force and a member of the Verity Board of Directors, last night literally brought me to tears to see how we've grown as a community in understanding the importance of safety and dignity that we all deserve .

Kurtis, I am so grateful you decided to take up residence in our beautiful city!
Congratulations, all!

Jan Blalock
Sent from my iPad

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