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I'm writing to voice my concerns about the tax inequity to the city of Lompoc that is occurring between cannabis dispensaries and cannabis manufacturers. If the dispensaries are having to pay a 6% tax to the city, then it should only be fair that the manufacturers who supply them should also pay their fair share in taxes, rather than the nominal fee that is currently in place. Although I live outside the city limits, Lompoc is still my city where I shop, do my banking, attend city events, etc. The growth and quality of the many services provided by the city are very important to all of us who live in the Lompoc Valley.

Lompoc was the first city in Santa Barbara County to allow cannabis dispensaries within the city limits. Cannabis has since become a multi-million dollar industry. Our city's income is small in comparison, yet the needs of its citizens have become greater as the city has grown and so the city's expenditures to provide services to the public greater. If Lompoc is going to require dispensaries to pay a percentage of their income, then the same should be true for the cannabis manufacturers. The citizens of Lompoc should have a voice in this matter, as it directly affects them in many ways. I urge the City Council to put a measure on the November ballot that addresses this gross tax inequity and let the people of Lompoc decide.

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