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As a 44-year homeowner in Lompoc I am always in support of leaving decisions in the hands of the voters.

The most flagrant example of the council taking decisions away from the voters came a few years back when decisions were made which caused significant cuts in city services, namely in police, which led to the city's homicide rate to double to *SEVEN* in 2019.

It had been proposed that a sales tax increase might be a viable alternative, but opponents ridiculed that idea because *everybody knew*, they said *the voters would never approve*. As we know a tax increase was finally placed on the ballot, and it passed.

Let's not make the same mistake again. On tonight's agenda, item #7 proposes revision of the cannabis tax. I support a tax increase on cannabis processing, but if it becomes a hot potato, let's let the voters decide.

Best wishes,

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