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Hello, I am a resident of Lompoc and I wish to express my concerns regarding the inequitable tax on the Cannabis manufacturing industry. I would like to urge the council to put this up for the public to vote on...I believe that our community members would support having a fair tax ordinance. Lompoc not only needs these funds to be able to have adequate public safety services but also to improve the quality of life for all. We desperately need to invest in our children/youth, fun, safe and accessible afterschool, summer and year round activities. With so many empty buildings that could be easily converted to fun zones for families...we need to invest in prevention because if we continue down this same path, we will never have enough money to deal with the consequences and results of inaction. This is simply not something that we can afford as a community but we need funding and it should be put up for everyone to express by voting. Do not take it upon yourselves to decide based on a few, as it will impact us all.

Thank you for your thoughtful and honest consideration, Maribel Landeros