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I support putting a measure on the ballot for Lompoc residents to decide whether or not to put a tax on Cannabis manufacturing.

I believe this measure would be great chance to change the revenue structure of the city and increase revenue for the city. Lompoc could have more funding for essentials, like police and public safety and also have the ability to consider programs like CAHOOTS. City staff need financial backing to support their departments in working with this new and growing industry in Lompoc. Currently there is inequity in the city's Cannabis revenue structure. That needs to change and Lompoc should get a fair tax on Cannabis manufacturing.

To those that say this will mean Lompoc will scare businesses away, I say that the businesses are here, established in the Lompoc community and not all cities and towns in California welcome Cannabis. Of the cities and towns that do welcome Cannabis, many have higher Cannabis dispensary taxes and Cannabis manufacturing taxes and fees. Many California cities have put a measure on the ballot for residents to decide whether or not to put a tax on Cannabis manufacturing:

https://ballotpedia.org/Local_marijuana_tax_on_the_ballot

Lompoc residents should have the same opportunity to vote on this matter.

I live in Vandenberg Village and visit Lompoc several times a week to shop and use services. I am concerned about the health and safety of the City of Lompoc. The rise or fall of the City of Lompoc affects my property value. Lompoc needs financial help, the city can help itself with a ballot for residents to vote on the issue of a tax on Cannabis manufacturing.

Thank you.
Jane Rees