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Subject: Updating Ordinances Relating to Lompoc's Cannabis Industry
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Hello, Mayor and Council Members,

As a citizen of Lompoc living for the past fifteen years in a southside neighborhood, I have been very concerned by the laissez faire attitude taken in the rush to bring cannabis production and sales to our city. This was all a new concept not only for our community but our county and state as well; little solid direction was provided from those with experience to help our City design appropriate measures to insure fairness to all in allowing this industry to flourish here. We have been very generous welcoming the cannabis industry, but it is time to re-address our approach now that we have gained our own experience.

Retail outlets are doing their part, apparently, but there needs to be independent checks on this. Production stands to make a huge income here without proportionately returning to the community financial benefits equal to our generosity when neighboring cities have been much less welcoming. Such equitable standing is common to anyone who considers themselves a part of a community, particularly a community devoted to being the best for its citizens, especailly families with children.

Lastly, the citizens themselves should be allowed to speak their opinion on this matter through their votes. To establish this much needed adjustment to our cannabis ordinance, a special election should be held as soon as feasible, calling for an equitable taxation on production and the establishment of a practical oversight mechanism independent of the industry to assure fealty to accuracy.

Thank you for your actions in making these changes,
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