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What is the community good involved in a cannabis event (s) at our River Bend Park? Actually, what is a “cannabis event” anyway? Since not specified, I can only guess advertising/sales to further the industry in our city for the already 16 stores that exist. Do we really need this city approved event for a park built to centralize the soccer games for children/ adults on weekends? Is this the image Lompoc wishes to convey to our youth that smoking/chewing cannabis products are the way of their future?

We have lived in the Rio Vista homes overlooking this park for decades, and enjoyed the weekend cheering and sounds of joy that we hear from the soccer games. What is the justification for changing the purpose of the fields? Who will clean up the cannabis mess when they leave? Who will police the “cannabis events” for illegal smoking in a public area? Who makes money from this event?

If the City of Lompoc is so desperate for the cannabis industry to occupy our town, choose someplace in the city’s backyard - like the Chamber of Commerce parking lot, or even Ryan Park. Please don’t repurpose River Bend Park!
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