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We have been operators of a cannabis store for 14 years in the city of San Jose without any infraction either from the city or state.

DCR fees are excessive for the amount of work they do. The program was never meant to just enforce the legal operators, but also to help control the black market. However; DCR refuses to shut down illegal smoke/vape shops even when provided with their locations.

Smoke/Vape shops are selling illegal cannabis to teenagers and not collecting SJ taxes or excise taxes, they can afford to sell for cheap, not at a fair market value, hence devaluing our businesses. They are selling brand name cannabis products without a license, where are they getting these products if not directly from the manufacturer or distributors?

I request that DCR be eliminated and we be continued to be regulated by the state. If DCR is not eliminated, then downsize so the fees can be reduced and that DCR go after the unregistered businesses, not just us, legal operators.

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