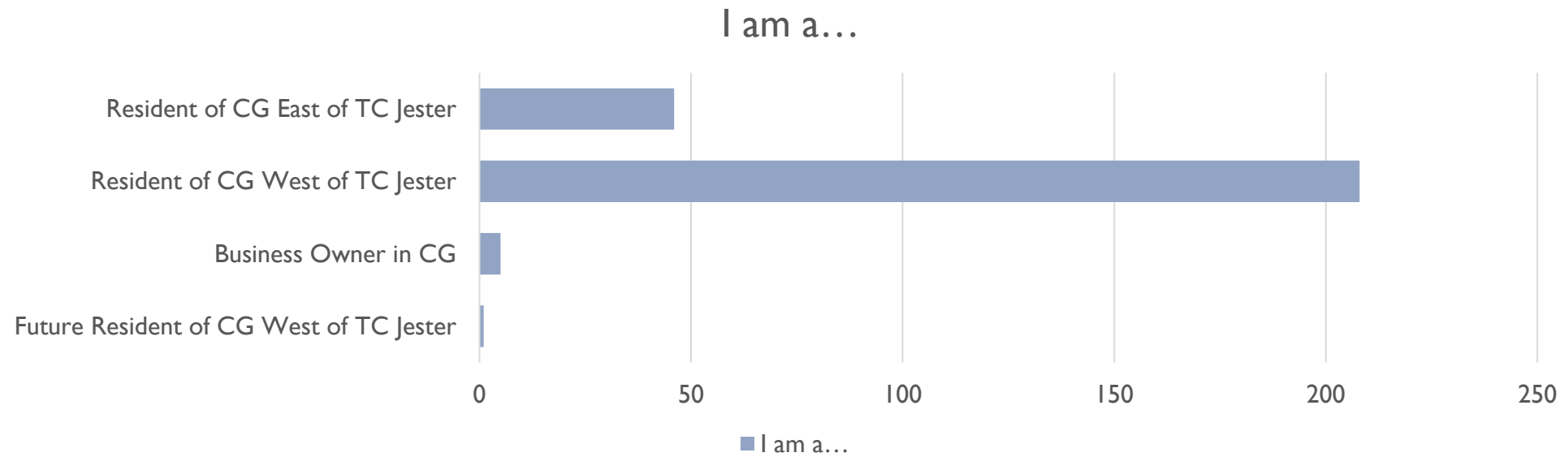




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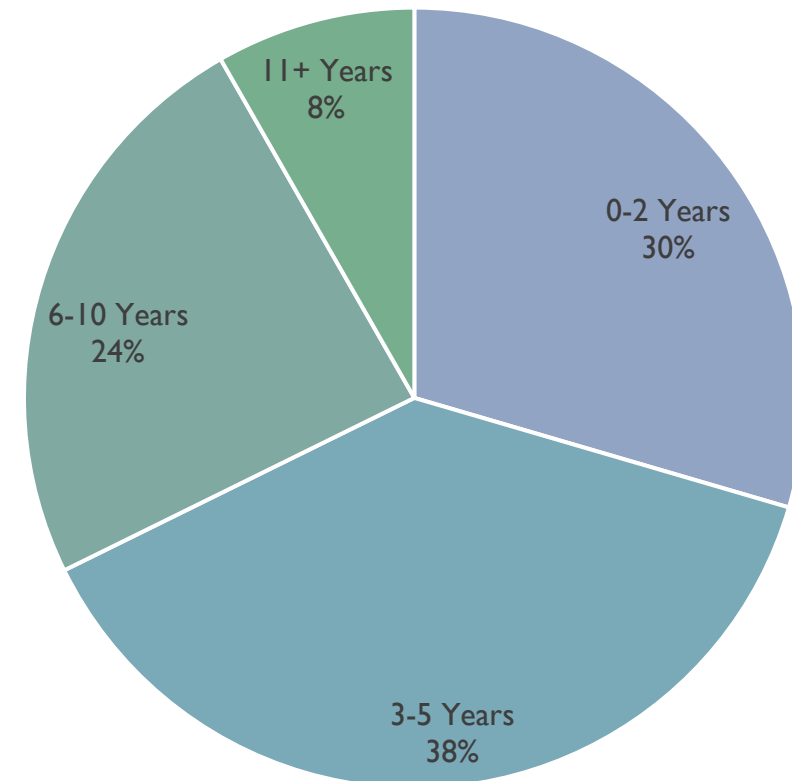
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256 Respondents: Most Live in Cottage Grove West of TC Jester



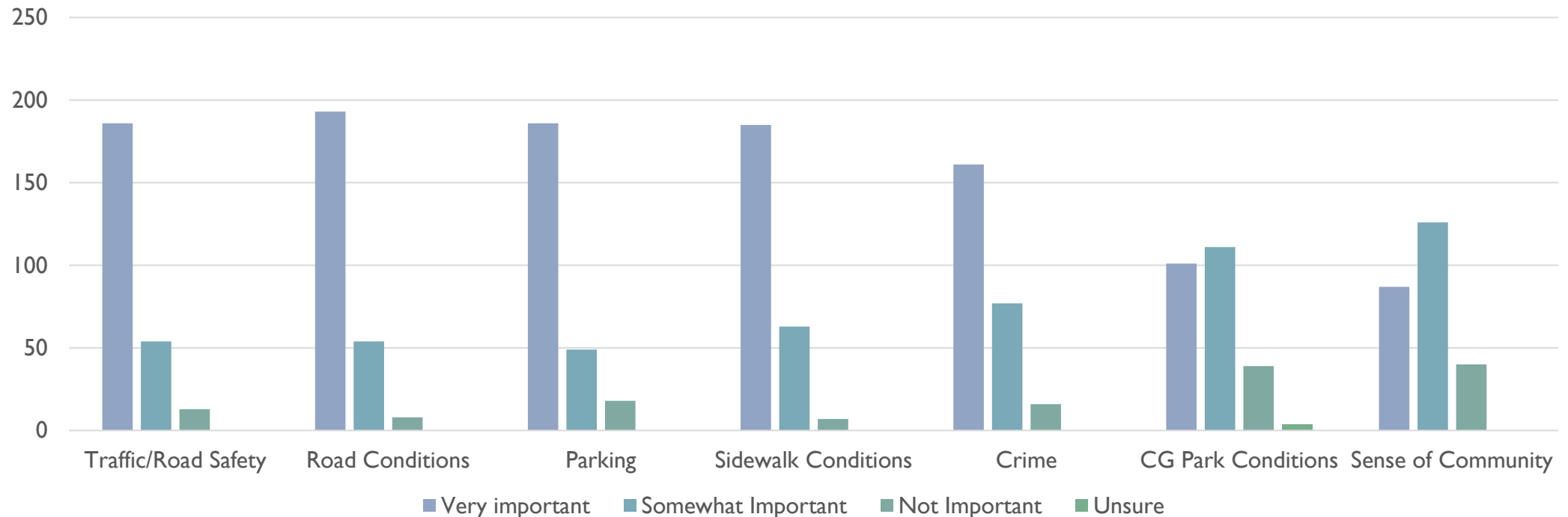
**67.7% of
Respondents
Have Lived in
Cottage Grove
for 5 Years or
Less**


If I am a current resident,
I have lived in Cottage Grove for...



Infrastructure Problems Are the Most Important Collective Set of Issues, Followed by Crime

How important is it to address each of the following right now in Cottage Grove?





Are there any other problems/issues in our neighborhood you would like to address? (139 long form responses)

- Drainage/ditches – flooding and safety concerns: 38 mentions
- Speeding: 10 mentions
- Overhead utility lines – safety and appearance: 8 mentions
- Littering and illegal dumping: 6 mentions
- Garbage cans block traffic: 7 mentions
- Illegally parked cars (on sidewalks, near stop signs): 5 mentions
- Trail access and safety (to Memorial Park and Hike & Bike Trail): 4 mentions

The following all received 3 mentions: Picking up dog feces, unleashed dogs, better lighting, dog barking/noise issues, general neighborhood maintenance and upkeep

**full list of responses published separately*



**What ideas do you have
to make our
neighborhood better?**

(136 long form responses)

Solutions for Making Our Neighborhood Better: Infrastructure

- Widen and fix the roads
- Create continuous, accessible sidewalks
- Cover the ditches and create storm drains / sewer system
- Bury power lines

Ideas to make this happen:

- Organize – engage collectively with the City
- Create a bond or fund for improvements (builders/developers must contribute)
- Increase representation and voice at Super Neighborhood 22 meetings

**solutions listed in order of # mentions in survey*



Solutions for Making Our Neighborhood Better: Parking, Road Safety, & Access

- Create one-way streets
- Parking on only one side of street
- Speed bumps for areas with high-speed traffic
- Enforce no parking on sidewalks
- Consider permitted parking
- Fines for illegal parking
- Increase no parking distance from stop signs
- Increase/decrease parking (both mentioned equal amounts)
- Create a bike lane
- Extend the hike & bike trail
- Add a trail connection to Memorial Park

**solutions listed in order of # mentions in survey*



Solutions for Making Our Neighborhood Better: Improve Cottage Grove Park

- Create a dog park within the park (most mentioned by far with 18 mentions!)
- Update play equipment
- Add a tennis court, splash pad, or walking trail

Ideas to make this happen:

- Reinstate park committee
- Get sponsorships

**solutions listed in order of # mentions in survey*



Solutions for Making Our Neighborhood Better: Create Community

- Community gatherings/cultural celebrations
- Revive the CG Civic Association and host regular meetings
- More small business market style events
- Host block parties and meetups
- Make the neighborhood more dog-friendly (pick up stations, dog meetup group)
- Create get-to-know-your-neighbor events
- Organize an events council
- Organize a neighborhood field day
- Create a farmer's market
- Support our zoned schools

**solutions listed in order of # mentions in survey*



Solutions for Making Our Neighborhood Better: Increase Security

- Add a neighborhood patrol
- Increase communication around security
- Create an emergency plan to assist when flooding happens
- Add lights to trails
- Remove train tracks

**solutions listed in order of # mentions in survey*



Solutions for Making Our Neighborhood Better: Maintenance, Cleanliness, and Beautification

- Periodic neighborhood trash cleanup
- Add a neighborhood sign to entrance
- Neighborhood beautification projects
- Better maintain TC Jester median island
- Add small trees to hide power lines
- Concrete barriers or foliage on I-10 to reduce noise and improve air quality
- Teach people how to care for their property
- Face lift for Cohn Corner Store and Flower Bucket

**solutions listed in order of # mentions in survey*



Solutions for Making Our Neighborhood Better: Support Small Businesses

- More mini-marts or bodegas
- More coffee shops or restaurants
- Create incentives for small businesses to operate in Cottage Grove
- Food truck park

**solutions listed in order of # mentions in survey*



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Thank you for participating!

Let's get together and make some changes to make our community even better.