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Annual Woodies on the Wharf Car Show



## APPENDIX 5.1: EXISTING PLANS

For reference, the existing plans are listed here alphabetically. Links are provided for plans available on line. Older plans can be viewed in hard copy at the City Hall or the City Library.

### A. ELECTRONIC FILES

- Arana Gulch Master Plan (2006)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/parks-recreation/parks/open-spaces/arana-gulch>
- Arts Master Plan (2008)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=8274>
- Beach Management Plan (2014)
  - <http://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2014/11/Th23a-11-2014.pdf>
- Bicycle Transportation Plan (2008)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=2496>
- Capital Improvement Projects Report (2014)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/finance/city-budget/fiscal-year-2014-budget>
- City-wide Creeks and Wetlands Management Plan (2008)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=9082>
- DeLaveaga Golf Course Master Plan (2002)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=8641>
- Downtown Recovery Plan (1991)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=8911>
- Facilities Condition Assessment (2013)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=365>
- General Plan & Local Coastal Program (2015)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/planning-and-community-development/general-plan-2030>
- General Plan EIR
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/planning-and-community-development/general-plan-2030>
- Ideas to Activate the San Lorenzo Riverway (2007)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=6417>
- Jessie Street Marsh Management Plan (1998)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=40567>

- Loch Lomond Recreation Area Use Study (2013)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=31009>
- Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (2014)
  - <http://sccrtc.org/projects/multi-modal/monterey-bay-sanctuary-scenic-trail/mbsst-master-plan/>
- Moore Creek Corridor and Access Plan (1987)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=10401>
- Park In-Lieu Fees
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/Home/ShowDocument?id=105>
- Pedestrian Master Plan (2003)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=25777>
- Pogonip Master Plan (1998)
  - Part 1: <http://cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=15516>
  - Part 2: <http://cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=15515>
- San Lorenzo Urban River Plan (2003)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=6415>
- Wayfinding Analysis (2011)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=19602>

### B. FILES IN HARD COPY ONLY

- Carmelita Cottages Agreement (1991)
- City of Santa Cruz Park Plan (1973)
- Depot Park Master Plan (2001)
- Joint Use Agreements with schools (1995)
- Moore Creek Interim Management Plan (2002)
- Neary Lagoon Management Plan (1992)
- Santa Cruz Harbor Development Plan (1992)
- Sports Fields Assessment Siting Study (1993)
- Urban Park & Recreation Recovery Action Plan (1983)



# APPENDIX 5.1: EXISTING PLANS

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**APPENDIX 5.2: GODBE REPORTS**

**A. GODBE COMMUNITY TELEPHONE SURVEY 2015**

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**City of Santa Cruz**  
2015 Park and Recreation Survey  
February 2015



# Methodology Overview

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- Data Collection Telephone Interviewing
- Universe Adults 18 years or older
- Fielding Dates January 6 to January 11, 2015
- Interview Length 15.7 minutes
- Interviewing Languages English and Spanish
- Sample Size 304
- Margin of Error ± 5.06%
- Demographic Analysis This report comments on statistically significant findings found in the crosstabulations

Note: The data have been weighted to reflect the actual population characteristics of the 2013 American Community Survey in the City of Santa Cruz in terms of their gender, age, ethnicity, and home ownership.



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## Executive Summary



## Executive Summary of Findings

- More than 9 out of 10 respondents (92.4%) indicated they were satisfied with the quality of life in Santa Cruz.
- More than 3 in every 4 of the surveyed residents reported participation in sports, athletic or fitness activities (77.5%).
- A vast majority of respondents have visited city parks, trails, or recreation facilities.
  - About 46 percent of the households had used a walking or hiking trail in the past 12 months, 45 percent had used the beaches, and 43 percent had used a city park.
  - Only 9.7 percent indicated they have not visited a recreational facility in the last 12 months and only 0.6 percent did not know.
- Santa Cruz residents are highly satisfied with the parks and recreation services provided by the City of Santa Cruz.
  - The average resident was at least somewhat satisfied with 10 of the 12 items tested in the survey (mean score of 1.0 or higher).
  - The services garnering top satisfaction scores include the following:
    - Access to greenbelt hiking trails;
    - Availability of local recreation facilities; and
    - Maintenance of city beaches.





## Executive Summary of Findings

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- The availability of recreational activities such as walking, hiking, jogging, swimming, surfing, road cycling, and mountain biking are relatively more important to Santa Cruz residents than organized sports such as basketball, baseball, softball, football, and volleyball.
  - Close to two-thirds of the residents or more rated 8 of the 14 sports and recreational activities tested in the survey as at least “somewhat important.”
- On average residents rated the availability of 17 tested facilities and sites for sports and recreation as at least “somewhat important” to their household. However certain facilities were relatively more important:
  - City beaches;
  - Open space parks;
  - Trails;
  - Swimming pool;
  - Children’s play areas; and
  - Outdoor sports fields.



## Executive Summary of Findings

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- A significant plurality of respondents (47.3%) preferred continuing to subsidize the DeLaveaga Golf Course, while a quarter (25.7%) preferred leasing the course of the private golf management company.
- Just over half of the respondents (50.9%) indicated that the Harvey West Swimming Pool should be open year round, while about a quarter (26.7%) felt the current schedule was adequate.
- A significant plurality of respondents (48.4%) believe that the parks should not be locked at night, while 38 percent believe they should be locked.



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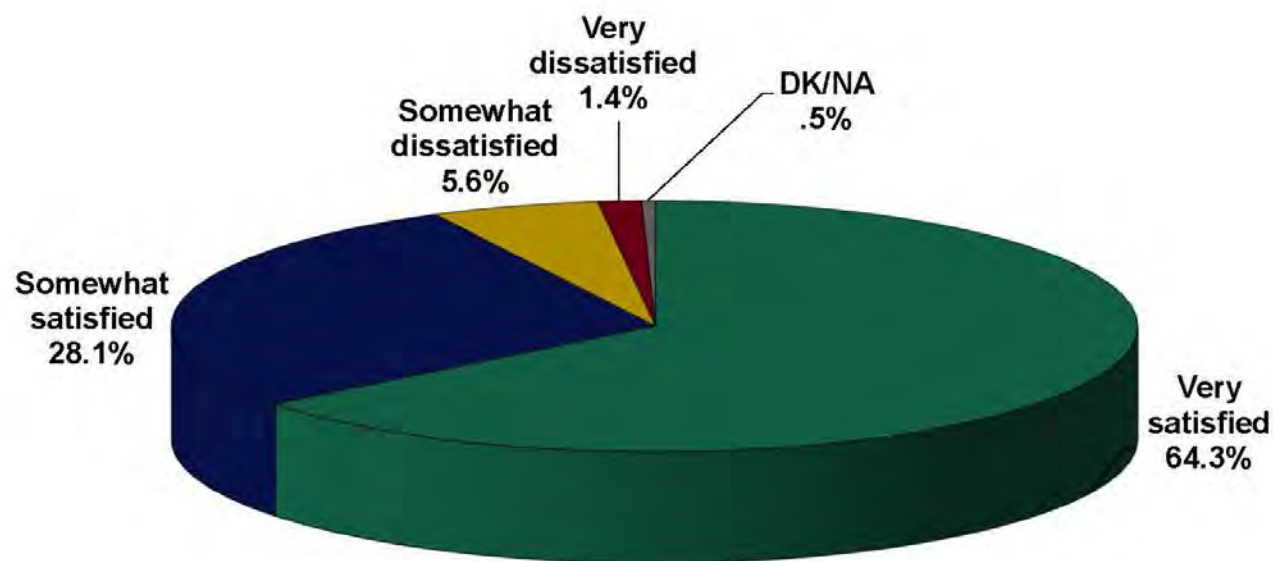
## Key Findings



## Q1. Satisfaction with Quality of Life (n=304)

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First, the survey respondents were asked to indicate their level of satisfaction with the quality of life in Santa Cruz. The vast majority of residents are satisfied at 92.4% (“Very satisfied” 64.3%, “Somewhat satisfied” 28.1%). In contrast, only seven percent said they were dissatisfied. Less than one percent did not render an opinion in response to the question.





## Q2. Preferences for Leisure Time Activities (n=304)

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Next, residents were asked in a multiple response format what leisure activities they like to engage in during their leisure time. The chart illustrating the data is shown on the next page.

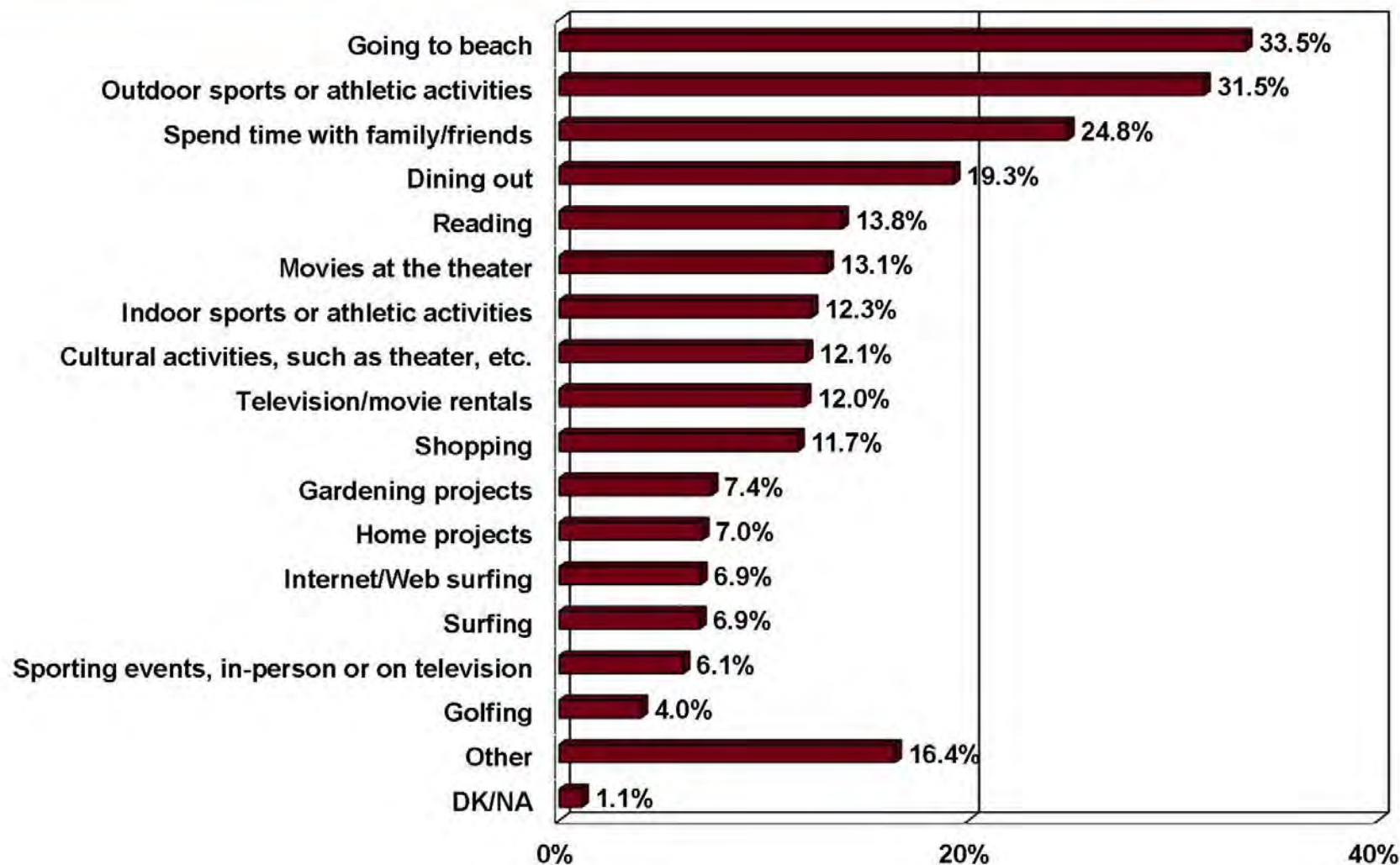
About a third of respondents mentioned “Going to beach” and “Outdoor sports or athletic activities.” Approximately one quarter gave the response “Spend time with family/friends,” while nearly one in five residents said “Dining out.” Slightly more than one in ten respondents gave the responses “Reading,” “Movies at the theater,” “Indoor sports or athletic activities,” “Cultural activities, such as theater, etc.,” “Television/movie rentals,” and “Shopping.”

All other responses garnered less than eight percent mentions.



## Q2. Preferences for Leisure Time Activities (n=304) Continued

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## Q2. Preferences for Leisure Time Activities Gender Comparisons

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When analyzed in terms of gender, women were more likely to say that they prefer “Gardening projects” and “Going to beach” over men.

	Respondent's Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total</b>	304	152	152
Cultural activities, such as theater, musical or art performances	37 12.1%	16 10.9%	20 13.3%
Dining out	59 19.3%	28 18.6%	30 19.9%
Gardening projects	23 7.4%	6 4.2%	16 10.6%
Going to beach	102 33.5%	40 26.4%	62 40.7%
Golfing	12 4.0%	6 3.8%	6 4.2%
Home projects	21 7.0%	9 5.9%	12 8.1%
Indoor sports or athletic activities	37 12.3%	15 9.7%	23 14.9%
Internet/Web surfing	21 6.9%	12 8.0%	9 5.8%
Movies at the theater	40 13.1%	16 10.7%	24 15.5%
Outdoor sports or athletic activities	96 31.5%	47 30.9%	49 32.1%
Reading	42 13.8%	21 13.7%	21 14.0%
Shopping	35 11.7%	13 8.8%	22 14.5%
Spend time with family/friends	76 24.8%	31 20.2%	45 29.5%
Sporting events, attend in-person or watch on television	18 6.1%	13 8.6%	5 3.5%
Surfing	21 6.9%	16 10.3%	5 3.4%
Television/movie rentals	36 12.0%	16 10.7%	20 13.3%
Other	50 16.4%	33 21.9%	17 11.0%
DK/NA	3 1.1%	2 1.3%	1 .9%

2. In general, what do you most like to do during your leisure time?



## Q2. Preferences for Leisure Time Activities Age Comparisons

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In terms of age, the 30-to-39-year-olds tended to state at higher levels that they prefer "Outdoor sports or athletic activities." Those respondents ages 40 to 49 also reported a preference for "Outdoor sports or athletic activities," as well as "Golfing" and "Sporting events, attend in-person or watch on television." Residents ages 50 to 64 also tended to state a preference for "Sporting events, attend in-person or watch on television," in addition to "Gardening projects." Respondents ages 65 and older were more likely to say that they enjoy "Reading" in their leisure time.

The table displaying the responses broken down by age is on the next page.





## Q2. Preferences for Leisure Time Activities Age Comparisons Continued

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		Age					
		Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
<b>Total</b>		304	115	47	42	62	38
Cultural activities, such as theater, musical or art performances		37 12.1%	9 8.0%	7 15.7%	8 19.8%	8 12.8%	4 10.3%
Dining out		59 19.3%	20 17.7%	9 18.9%	10 23.9%	14 23.0%	5 13.3%
Gardening projects		23 7.4%	2 1.8%	2 4.0%	5 12.1%	9 14.3%	5 12.4%
Going to beach		102 33.5%	41 36.0%	17 36.1%	13 29.7%	22 34.6%	10 25.5%
Golfing		12 4.0%	1 1.3%	0 .0%	6 13.2%	4 5.9%	2 4.0%
Home projects		21 7.0%	0 .0%	4 9.4%	6 14.7%	10 16.0%	1 2.0%
Indoor sports or athletic activities		37 12.3%	17 14.6%	4 8.5%	7 16.4%	9 14.5%	1 2.0%
Internet/Web surfing		21 6.9%	7 6.2%	3 6.2%	7 15.7%	3 4.6%	2 4.1%
2. In general, what do you most like to do during your leisure time?	Movies at the theater	40 13.1%	11 9.6%	5 10.3%	7 16.4%	13 20.4%	4 11.3%
	Outdoor sports or athletic activities	96 31.5%	32 27.5%	22 47.7%	22 52.0%	14 22.8%	6 15.4%
	Reading	42 13.8%	8 7.0%	9 18.4%	7 16.7%	8 13.2%	10 26.6%
	Shopping	35 11.7%	16 13.9%	4 9.4%	4 9.0%	9 14.4%	2 6.1%
	Spend time with family/friends	76 24.8%	26 22.3%	10 20.8%	17 40.2%	13 20.4%	11 27.8%
	Sporting events, attend in-person or watch on television	18 6.1%	1 1.2%	2 4.0%	5 11.4%	7 10.8%	4 9.6%
	Surfing	21 6.9%	7 6.1%	3 5.9%	4 10.6%	5 8.2%	2 4.0%
	Television/movie rentals	36 12.0%	6 5.3%	5 9.9%	8 18.1%	12 18.6%	7 17.3%
	Other	50 16.4%	24 20.4%	9 19.6%	2 5.9%	8 13.6%	6 16.6%
	DK/NA	3 1.1%	1 1.3%	0 .0%	0 .0%	0 .0%	2 5.0%



## Q2. Preferences for Leisure Time Activities Home Ownership Comparisons

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Homeowners were more likely to say they prefer “Gardening projects,” “Golfing,” “Reading,” and “Sporting events, attend in-person or watch on television.” Renters had a higher tendency to say they enjoyed “Going to beach.”

	Homeownership Status		
	Total	Owner	Renter
<b>Total</b>	304	129	175
Cultural activities, such as theater, musical or art performances	37 12.1%	18 13.6%	19 11.0%
Dining out	59 19.3%	26 19.9%	33 18.8%
Gardening projects	23 7.4%	14 11.0%	8 4.8%
Going to beach	102 33.5%	35 26.7%	67 38.6%
Golfing	12 4.0%	9 7.2%	3 1.6%
Home projects	21 7.0%	11 8.3%	11 6.0%
Indoor sports or athletic activities	37 12.3%	13 10.0%	25 14.1%
Internet/Web surfing	21 6.9%	12 8.9%	9 5.4%
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Shopping	35 11.7%	11 8.6%	24 13.9%
Spend time with family/friends	76 24.8%	28 21.7%	48 27.2%
Sporting events, attend in-person or watch on television	18 6.1%	12 9.2%	7 3.7%
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Television/movie rentals	36 12.0%	20 15.2%	17 9.6%
Other	50 16.4%	21 16.0%	29 16.7%
DK/NA	3 1.1%	2 1.5%	1 .8%

2. In general, what do you most like to do during your leisure time?



## Q2. Preferences for Leisure Time Activities Children in Household Comparisons

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Respondents from households with children had a higher tendency to state they prefer “Home projects,” “Outdoor sports or athletic activities,” “Spend time with family/friends”, and “Television/movie rentals” as leisure activities.

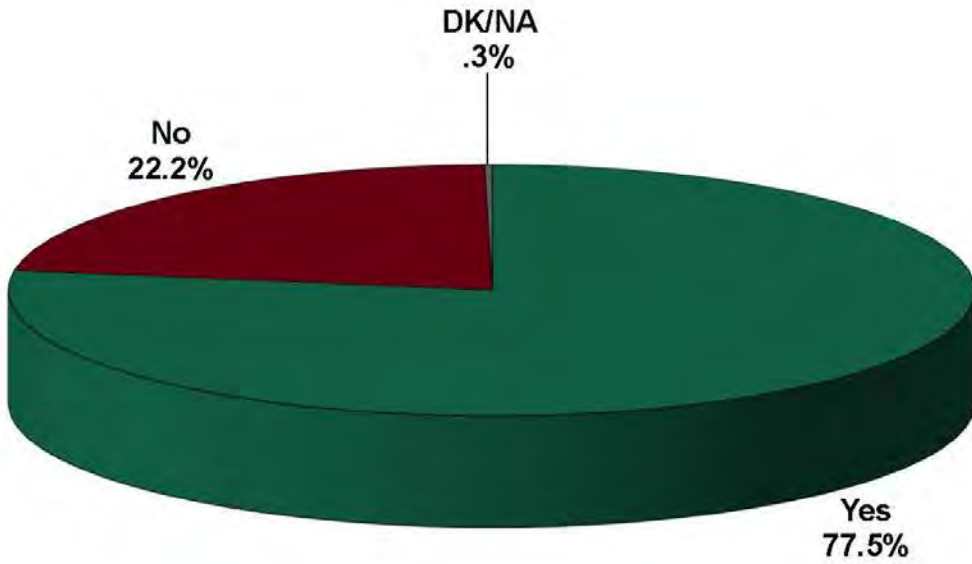
		Children Under 18 in Household		
		Total	Yes	No
2. In general, what do you most like to do during your leisure time?	<b>Total</b>	304	85	219
	Cultural activities, such as theater, musical or art performances	37 12.1%	9 10.5%	28 12.7%
	Dining out	59 19.3%	15 17.4%	44 20.0%
	Gardening projects	23 7.4%	5 6.4%	17 7.9%
	Going to beach	102 33.5%	34 39.8%	68 31.1%
	Golfing	12 4.0%	6 7.1%	6 2.8%
	Home projects	21 7.0%	10 12.2%	11 5.0%
	Indoor sports or athletic activities	37 12.3%	10 11.5%	28 12.6%
	Internet/Web surfing	21 6.9%	9 10.6%	12 5.5%
	Movies at the theater	40 13.1%	14 16.0%	26 12.0%
	Outdoor sports or athletic activities	96 31.5%	34 40.2%	62 28.1%
	Reading	42 13.8%	16 19.4%	26 11.7%
	Shopping	35 11.7%	12 13.6%	24 10.9%
	Spend time with family/friends	76 24.8%	31 36.0%	45 20.5%
	Sporting events, attend in-person or watch on television	18 6.1%	8 9.3%	11 4.8%
	Surfing	21 6.9%	9 10.1%	12 5.6%
	Television/movie rentals	36 12.0%	16 18.4%	21 9.5%
	Other	50 16.4%	11 13.3%	39 17.6%
	DK/NA	3 1.1%	0 .0%	3 1.5%



# Q3. Participation in Fitness, Athletic or Sports Activities (n=304)

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More than three quarters of respondents indicated that they or a member of their household participate in a fitness, athletic or sports activity.





## Q3. Participation in Fitness, Athletic or Sports Activities

### Age Comparisons

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Residents ages 30 to 39 were more likely to say that they or a member of their household participates in fitness, athletic or sports activities. On the other hand, respondents age 65 and older had a higher tendency to state that they do not.

		Age					
		Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
3. Do you or a member of your household, participate in any fitness, athletic or sports activities?	Total	304	115	47	42	62	38
	Yes	236 77.5%	87 75.4%	42 90.4%	36 85.8%	48 77.7%	22 58.5%
	No	68 22.2%	28 24.6%	4 9.6%	6 14.2%	14 22.3%	15 39.4%
	DK/NA	1 .3%	0 .0%	0 .0%	0 .0%	0 .0%	1 2.1%



## Q4. Preferences for Fitness, Athletic or Sports Activities (n=236)

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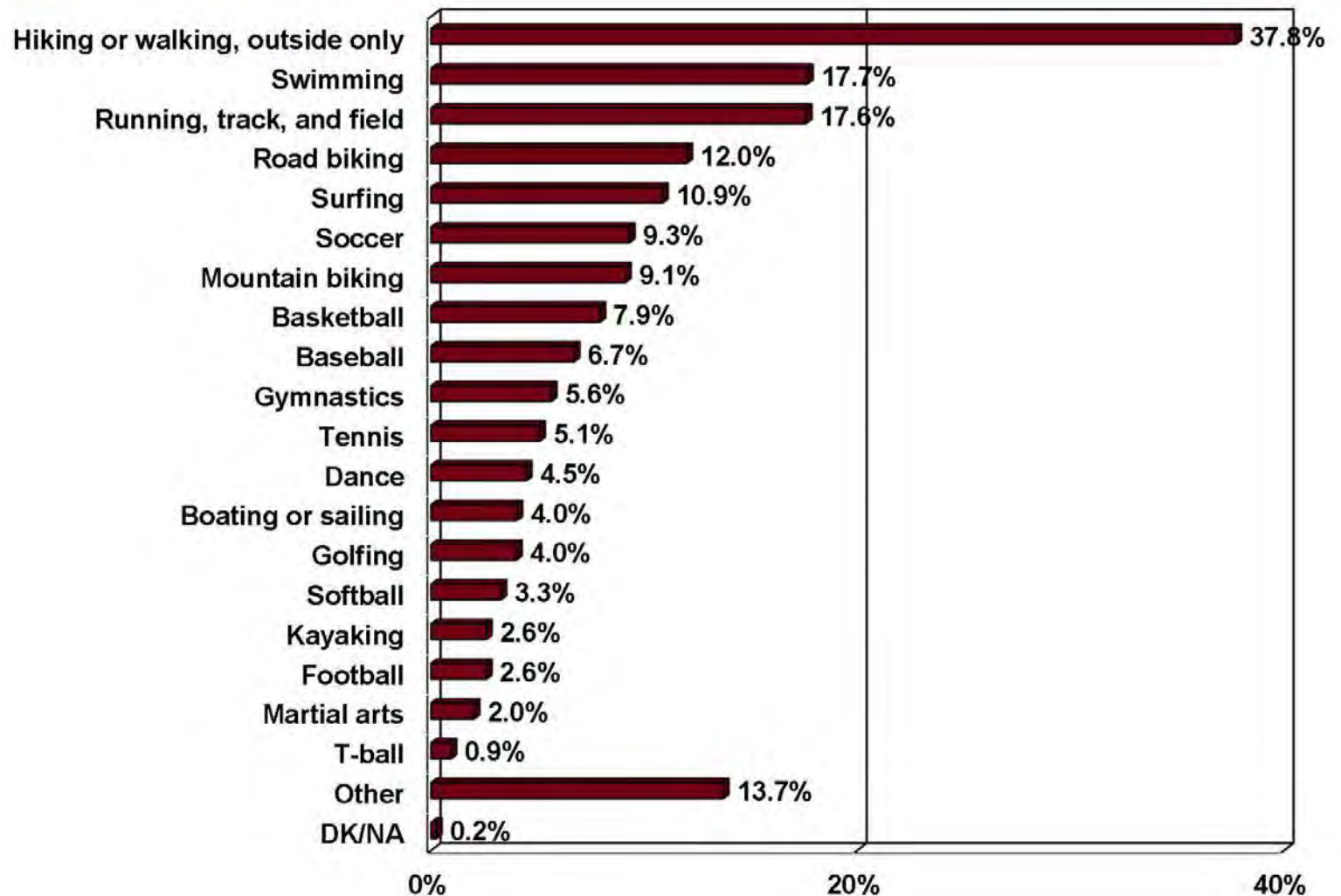
Those respondents who indicated that they or a member of their household participated in fitness, athletic or sports activities were asked a follow up question to determine what those specific activities are. The most popular response to this question was “Hiking or walking, outside only” at 37.8 percent. Approximately one in six residents indicated a preference for “Swimming” or “Running, track, and field.” Slightly more than one in ten respondents said they enjoy “Road biking” or “Surfing.” All other responses garnered less than ten percent mentions.

The chart illustrating these results is on the following page.



## Q4. Preferences for Fitness, Athletic or Sports Activities (n=236) Continued

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# Q4. Preferences for Fitness, Athletic or Sports Activities

## Gender Comparisons

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Women tended to report more frequently that they preferred "Dance" and "Swimming."

		Respondent's Gender		
		Total	Male	Female
4. What fitness, athletic or sports activities do you or a member of your household participate in?	<b>Total</b>	236	117	119
	<b>Basketball</b>	24 10.2%	15 13.0%	9 7.5%
	<b>Baseball</b>	20 8.7%	9 7.7%	11 9.6%
	<b>Boating or sailing</b>	12 5.2%	6 5.3%	6 5.1%
	<b>Dance</b>	14 5.8%	3 2.4%	11 9.0%
	<b>Football</b>	8 3.3%	5 4.2%	3 2.5%
	<b>Gymnastics</b>	17 7.3%	6 4.8%	11 9.7%
	<b>Golfing</b>	12 5.2%	5 4.4%	7 6.0%
	<b>Hiking or walking, outside only</b>	115 48.7%	49 42.4%	65 54.9%
	<b>Kayaking</b>	8 3.3%	6 4.8%	2 1.9%
	<b>Martial arts</b>	6 2.6%	2 1.5%	4 3.6%
	<b>Mountain biking</b>	28 11.8%	17 14.2%	11 9.4%
	<b>Road biking</b>	36 15.5%	20 16.9%	17 14.1%
	<b>Running, track, and field</b>	54 22.7%	27 23.3%	26 22.2%
	<b>Soccer</b>	28 12.0%	11 9.5%	17 14.4%
	<b>Softball</b>	10 4.2%	6 5.6%	3 2.9%
	<b>Surfing</b>	33 14.0%	20 16.7%	13 11.3%
	<b>Swimming</b>	54 22.8%	18 15.7%	35 29.7%
	<b>T-ball</b>	3 1.2%	1 1.2%	1 1.2%
	<b>Tennis</b>	15 6.6%	9 7.8%	6 5.3%
	<b>Other</b>	42 17.7%	25 21.7%	16 13.8%
	<b>DK/NA</b>	1 .3%	1 .7%	0 .0%





# Q4. Preferences for Fitness, Athletic or Sports Activities

## Children in Household Comparisons

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Respondents with children in their household tended to indicate at higher levels that they enjoyed “Basketball,” “Baseball,” “Surfing,” “Swimming,” and “T-ball” over those residents without children in the household.

	Children Under 18 in Household		
	Total	Yes	No
<b>Total</b>	236	72	163
<b>Basketball</b>	24 10.2%	15 21.2%	9 5.4%
<b>Baseball</b>	20 8.7%	12 16.7%	8 5.1%
<b>Boating or sailing</b>	12 5.2%	2 2.9%	10 6.2%
<b>Dance</b>	14 5.8%	3 3.9%	11 6.6%
<b>Football</b>	8 3.3%	5 6.3%	3 2.0%
<b>Gymnastics</b>	17 7.3%	4 5.3%	13 8.1%
<b>Golfing</b>	12 5.2%	4 5.3%	8 5.1%
<b>Hiking or walking, outside only</b>	115 48.7%	37 51.5%	77 47.5%
<b>Kayaking</b>	8 3.3%	4 5.7%	4 2.3%
<b>Martial arts</b>	6 2.6%	4 5.1%	2 1.5%
<b>Mountain biking</b>	28 11.8%	8 10.9%	20 12.2%
<b>Road biking</b>	36 15.5%	9 12.1%	28 17.0%
<b>Running, track, and field</b>	54 22.7%	14 19.0%	40 24.3%
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<b>Softball</b>	10 4.2%	5 7.3%	5 2.9%
<b>Surfing</b>	33 14.0%	17 23.7%	16 9.7%
<b>Swimming</b>	54 22.8%	26 35.3%	28 17.2%
<b>T-ball</b>	3 1.2%	3 3.9%	0 .0%
<b>Tennis</b>	15 6.6%	7 9.6%	9 5.2%
<b>Other</b>	42 17.7%	11 15.9%	30 18.5%
<b>DK/NA</b>	1 .3%	0 .0%	1 .5%

4. What fitness, athletic or sports activities do you or a member of your household participate in?



## Q5. Use of Parks, Trails, or Recreation Facilities in Previous 12 Months (n=304)

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Next, the survey respondents were asked in an open end format with multiple responses allowed, whether they or a member of their household had visited or used any parks, trails or recreational facilities in Santa Cruz within the last year. The most popular responses, mentioned by more than two out of five residents, were “Walking and hiking trails,” “Beaches,” and “Parks.” The response “Bike paths or lanes” was given by more than one out of five respondents, and about one in six residents stated they used “Mountain bike trails” and “Picnic areas.” Approximately one in eight indicated they used “Swimming facilities.”

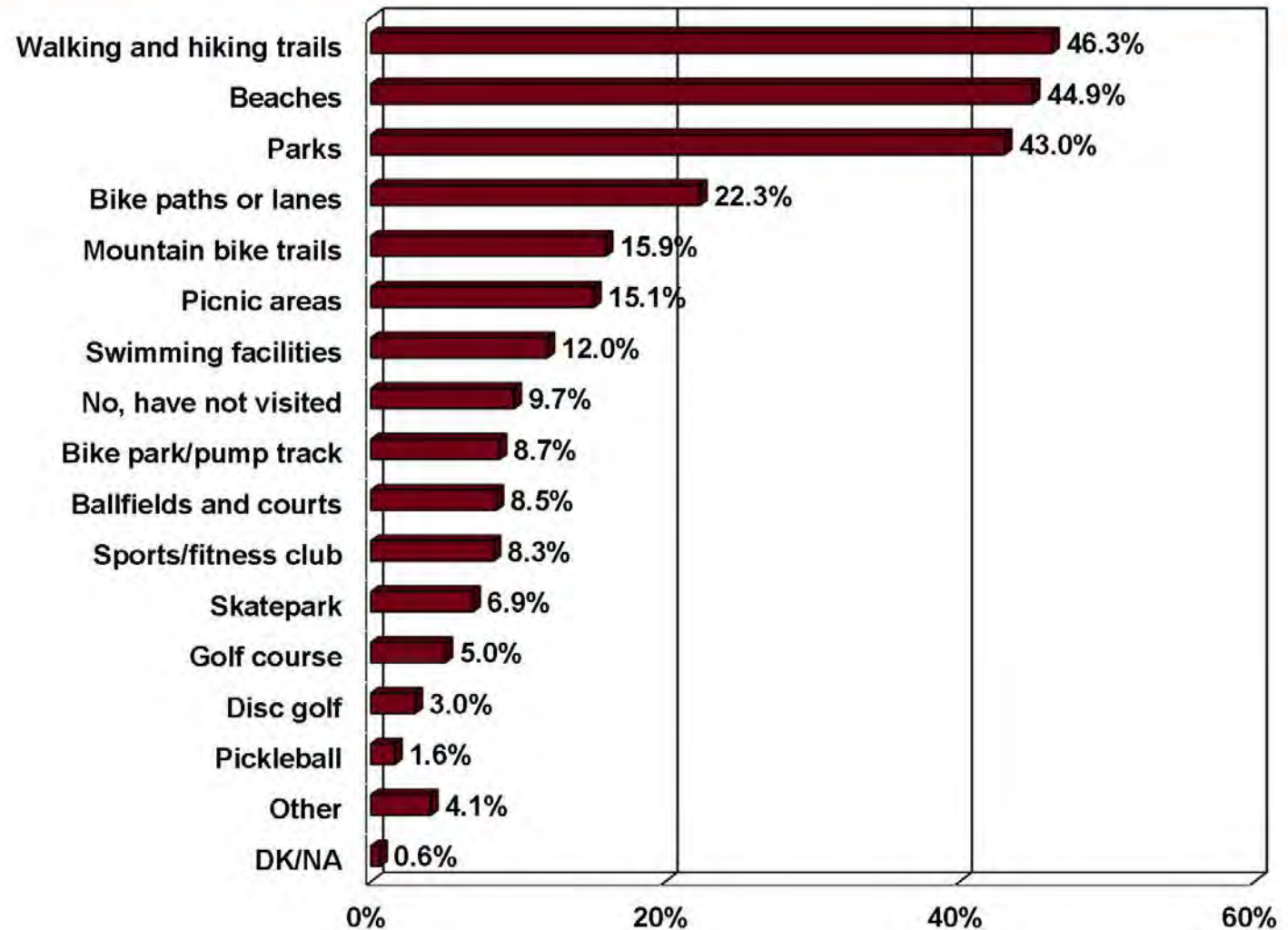
All other responses garnered less than ten percent mentions. It is interesting to note that nearly one in ten respondents said they had not visited any of these recreation options in Santa Cruz.

The chart illustrating the data is on the following page.



## Q5. Use of Parks, Trails, or Recreation Facilities in Previous 12 Months (n=304) Continued

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# Q5. Use of Parks, Trails, or Recreation Facilities in Previous 12 Months

## Age Comparisons

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When analyzing the data in terms of age, a few differences emerge. Respondents ages 40 to 64 more frequently said they used or visited “Beaches” in Santa Cruz, and respondents ages 40 to 49 also tended to say more often that they use or visit “Sports/fitness club” and “Swimming facilities.”

	Age					
	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
<b>Total</b>	304	115	47	42	62	38
<b>Ballfields and courts</b>	26 8.5%	8 7.4%	4 8.0%	9 21.3%	4 6.3%	1 2.1%
<b>Beaches</b>	137 44.9%	40 35.0%	16 34.7%	31 74.6%	35 57.0%	13 35.1%
<b>Bike paths or lanes</b>	68 22.3%	21 18.6%	11 24.2%	13 31.6%	16 26.4%	5 14.3%
<b>Bike park / pump track</b>	27 8.7%	11 9.7%	6 12.0%	4 10.0%	3 5.1%	2 6.2%
<b>Disc golf</b>	9 3.0%	4 3.7%	2 4.0%	2 4.0%	1 2.2%	0 .0%
<b>Golf course</b>	15 5.0%	3 2.5%	5 10.0%	2 5.6%	2 3.9%	3 7.8%
<b>Mountain bike trails</b>	48 15.9%	15 12.7%	6 12.0%	9 21.6%	16 25.7%	3 8.3%
<b>Parks</b>	131 43.0%	43 37.8%	23 48.8%	22 51.4%	27 43.8%	16 41.5%
<b>Pickleball</b>	5 1.6%	1 1.2%	1 2.0%	0 .8%	0 .0%	2 5.8%
<b>Picnic areas</b>	46 15.1%	11 10.0%	5 10.1%	10 24.8%	14 23.0%	5 13.3%
<b>Skatepark</b>	21 6.9%	11 9.1%	4 8.0%	4 8.3%	3 4.1%	1 2.1%
<b>Sports/fitness club</b>	25 8.3%	12 10.7%	5 10.0%	6 14.8%	0 .8%	2 4.1%
<b>Swimming facilities</b>	36 12.0%	14 12.5%	6 12.1%	12 27.3%	3 4.2%	2 6.1%
<b>Walking and hiking trails</b>	141 46.3%	54 47.2%	20 42.0%	23 53.8%	28 45.6%	16 41.3%
<b>No, have not visited</b>	30 9.7%	19 16.3%	2 5.3%	0 .0%	3 4.1%	6 15.3%
<b>Other</b>	12 4.1%	5 4.7%	3 5.6%	2 4.0%	3 4.1%	0 .0%
<b>DK/NA</b>	2 .6%	0 .0%	0 .0%	0 .0%	2 3.0%	0 .0%

5. In the past 12 months, have you or a member of your household visited or used any parks, trails, or recreation facilities in Santa Cruz?



## Q5. Use of Parks, Trails, or Recreation Facilities in Previous 12 Months Home Ownership Comparisons

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Homeowners had a higher tendency to report they use or visit Santa Cruz “Beaches,” “Bike paths or lanes,” “Parks,” and “Picnic areas.” Respondents who rent their home were more likely to say they have not visited any parks, trails, or recreation facilities.

	Homeownership Status		
	Total	Owner	Renter
<b>Total</b>	304	129	175
<b>Ballfields and courts</b>	26 8.5%	7 5.8%	18 10.6%
<b>Beaches</b>	137 44.9%	68 52.2%	69 39.6%
<b>Bike paths or lanes</b>	68 22.3%	39 29.9%	29 16.7%
<b>Bike park / pump track</b>	27 8.7%	13 10.2%	13 7.6%
<b>Disc golf</b>	9 3.0%	1 .9%	8 4.6%
<b>Golf course</b>	15 5.0%	7 5.2%	9 4.9%
<b>Mountain bike trails</b>	48 15.9%	23 17.5%	26 14.8%
<b>Parks</b>	131 43.0%	66 51.3%	64 36.9%
<b>Pickleball</b>	5 1.6%	2 1.7%	3 1.5%
<b>Picnic areas</b>	46 15.1%	26 20.0%	20 11.6%
<b>Skatepark</b>	21 6.9%	11 8.1%	11 6.1%
<b>Sports/fitness club</b>	25 8.3%	9 6.9%	16 9.4%
<b>Swimming facilities</b>	36 12.0%	16 12.6%	20 11.5%
<b>Walking and hiking trails</b>	141 46.3%	60 46.1%	81 46.4%
<b>No, have not visited</b>	30 9.7%	7 5.4%	23 12.9%
<b>Other</b>	12 4.1%	5 3.9%	7 4.2%
<b>DK/NA</b>	2 .6%	2 1.4%	0 .0%

5. In the past 12 months, have you or a member of your household visited or used any parks, trails, or recreation facilities in Santa Cruz?



# Q5. Use of Parks, Trails, or Recreation Facilities in Previous 12 Months

## Children in Household Comparisons

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When viewed in light of whether children are in the household, those respondents with children in the household more frequently reported visiting or using the majority of parks, trails and facilities mentioned in the survey, except for “Disc golf,” “Golf course,” “Mountain bike trails,” “Pickleball,” and “Walking and hiking trails.” Survey respondents without children in the household were more likely to say they have not visited any of these recreation locations.

		Children Under 18 in Household		
		Total	Yes	No
<b>Total</b>		304	85	219
<b>Ballfields and courts</b>		26 8.5%	15 18.1%	10 4.8%
<b>Beaches</b>		137 44.9%	49 57.7%	88 40.0%
<b>Bike paths or lanes</b>		68 22.3%	29 33.9%	39 17.8%
<b>Bike park / pump track</b>		27 8.7%	12 13.9%	15 6.7%
<b>Disc golf</b>		9 3.0%	2 1.8%	8 3.5%
<b>Golf course</b>		15 5.0%	7 8.1%	8 3.8%
<b>Mountain bike trails</b>		48 15.9%	16 18.7%	33 14.9%
<b>Parks</b>		131 43.0%	47 55.0%	84 38.4%
<b>Pickleball</b>		5 1.6%	1 1.6%	3 1.6%
<b>Picnic areas</b>		46 15.1%	26 30.6%	20 9.1%
<b>Skatepark</b>		21 6.9%	12 14.6%	9 3.9%
<b>Sports/fitness club</b>		25 8.3%	15 17.1%	11 4.9%
<b>Swimming facilities</b>		36 12.0%	20 22.9%	17 7.7%
<b>Walking and hiking trails</b>		141 46.3%	46 54.5%	94 43.1%
<b>No, have not visited</b>		30 9.7%	4 4.2%	26 11.9%
<b>Other</b>		12 4.1%	0 .0%	12 5.6%
<b>DK/NA</b>		2 .6%	0 .0%	2 .8%

5. In the past 12 months, have you or a member of your household visited or used any parks, trails, or recreation facilities in Santa Cruz?



## Q6. Satisfaction with City Park and Recreation Services (n=304)

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When asked to rate various parks and recreation services in terms of satisfaction, the survey respondents indicated they were at least somewhat satisfied (mean score of 1.0 or higher) for ten of the twelve services. The highest rated service was “Access to greenbelt hiking trails,” followed by “Availability of local recreation facilities.”

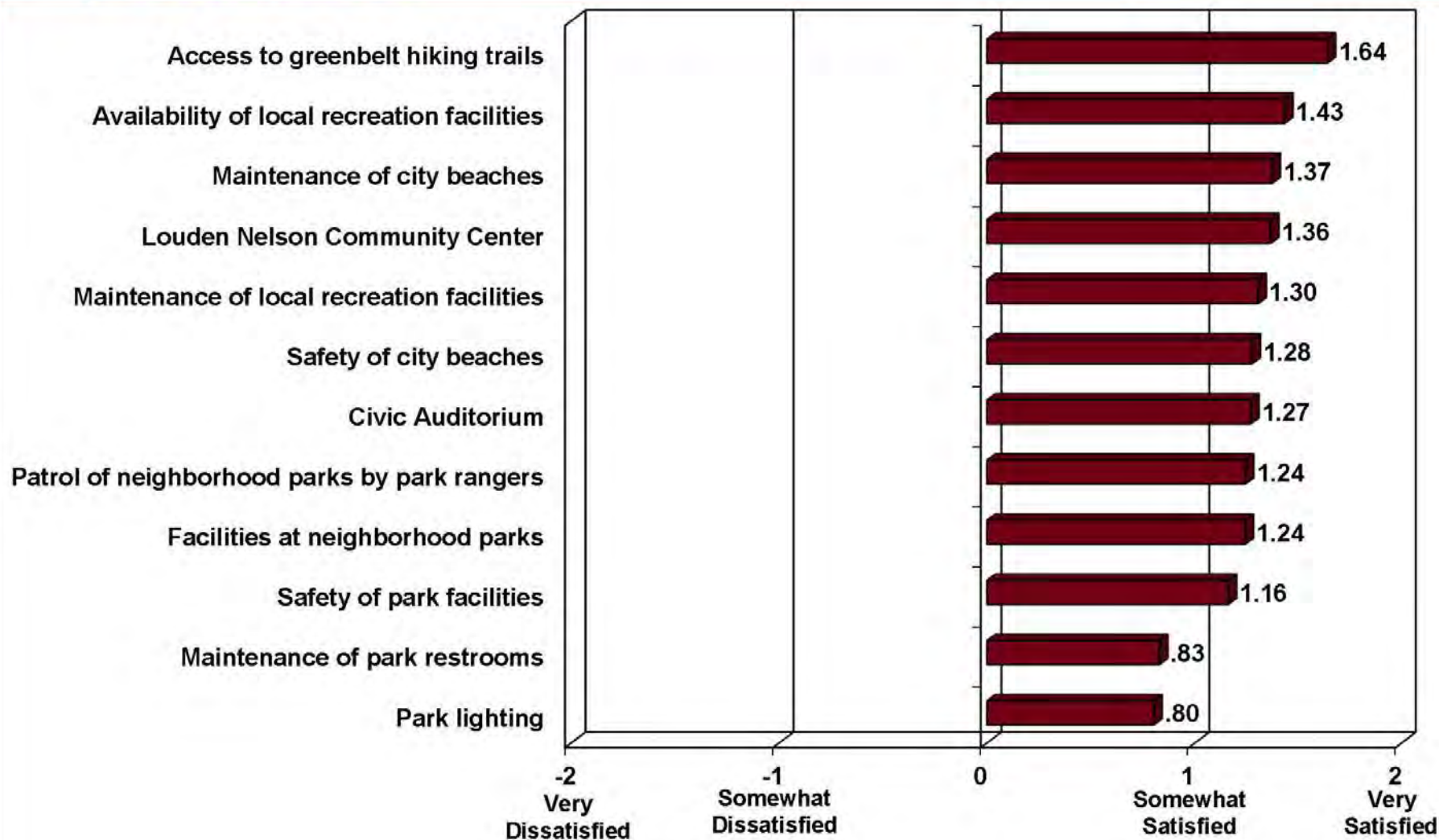
More than 90 percent of residents said they were satisfied with “Maintenance of city beaches.” In addition, at least 80 percent of respondents said they were satisfied with “Maintenance of local recreation facilities,” “Safety of city beaches,” “Availability of local recreation facilities,” and “Facilities at neighborhood parks.” More than 70 percent of survey respondents indicated they were satisfied with “Safety of park facilities.”

The chart illustrating the data follows on the next page.



# Q6. Satisfaction with City Park and Recreation Services (n=304) Continued

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Note: The above rating questions have been abbreviated for charting purposes, and responses were recoded to calculate mean scores: "Very Satisfied" = +2, "Somewhat Satisfied" = +1, "Somewhat Dissatisfied" = -1, and "Very Dissatisfied" = -2.





# Q6. Satisfaction with City Park and Recreation Services

## Children in Household Comparisons

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This table highlights in blue the services that garner higher satisfaction when analyzed by whether children reside in the household. Respondents from households without children residing in them tended to indicate statistically higher scores for “Maintenance of local recreation facilities,” “Safety of city beaches,” “Civic Auditorium,” “Patrol of neighborhood parks by park rangers,” and “Louden Nelson Community Center” over residents with children in the household.

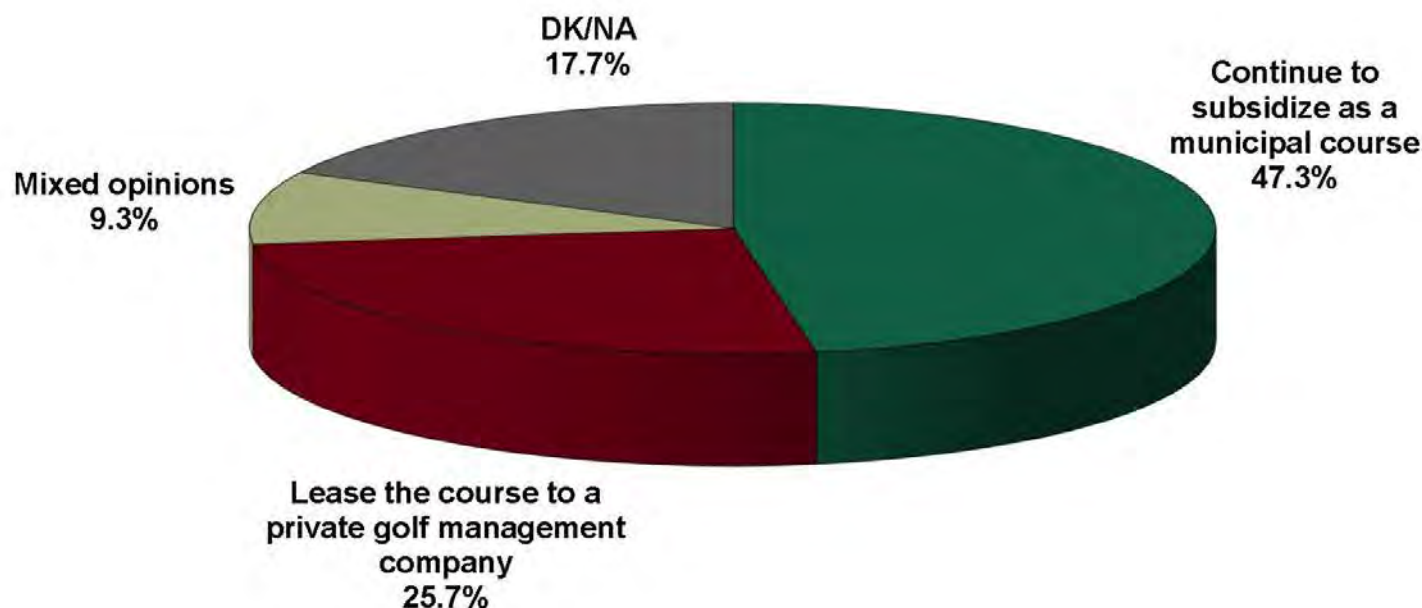
	Children Under 18 in Household		
	Total	Yes	No
6J. Access to greenbelt hiking trails	1.64	1.49	1.71
6G. Maintenance of city beaches	1.37	1.40	1.36
6D. Availability of local recreation facilities	1.43	1.21	1.52
6E. Facilities at neighborhood parks	1.24	1.02	1.33
6L. Louden Nelson Community Center	1.36	1.01	1.54
6A. Maintenance of local recreation facilities	1.30	.98	1.43
6F. Civic Auditorium	1.27	.96	1.42
6I. Patrol of neighborhood parks by park rangers	1.24	.92	1.39
6B. Safety of city beaches	1.28	.91	1.42
6H. Safety of park facilities	1.16	.87	1.29
6K. Maintenance of park restrooms	.83	.66	.90
6C. Park lighting	.80	.65	.88



## Q7. Support for Subsidizing DeLaveaga Golf Course or Leasing to Private Company (n=304)

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This question focused on whether survey respondents preferred to continue subsidizing the DeLaveaga Golf Course as a municipal course or lease it to a private golf management company. There was a somewhat higher preference indicated for continuing to subsidize the course, as expressed by almost half of the respondents. About one quarter said they would prefer to lease the course to a private company. Nearly one in ten respondents had mixed opinions on the subject, and about one in six did not render an opinion.





## Q7. Support for Subsidizing DeLaveaga Golf Course or Leasing to Private Company Gender Comparisons

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While there was no statistically significant difference between men and women on “continuing to subsidize”, men were more likely to state they preferred to lease the golf course to a private management company more than women.

		Respondent's Gender		
		Total	Male	Female
7. Do you think the City should continue to subsidize the DeLaveaga Golf Course as a municipal golf course, or do you think the City should lease the course to a private golf management company?	<b>Total</b>	304	152	152
	<b>Continue to subsidize as a municipal course</b>	144 47.3%	70 45.9%	74 48.6%
	<b>Lease the course to a private golf management company</b>	78 25.7%	47 30.9%	31 20.6%
	<b>Mixed opinions</b>	28 9.3%	5 3.0%	24 15.6%
	<b>DK/NA</b>	54 17.7%	31 20.2%	23 15.2%



## Q7. Support for Subsidizing DeLaveaga Golf Course or Leasing to Private Company Age Comparisons

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When examined in terms of age, respondents ages 30 to 39 and 50 to 64 tended to report at higher levels that they were in favor of continuing to subsidize the DeLaveaga Golf Course as a municipal course.

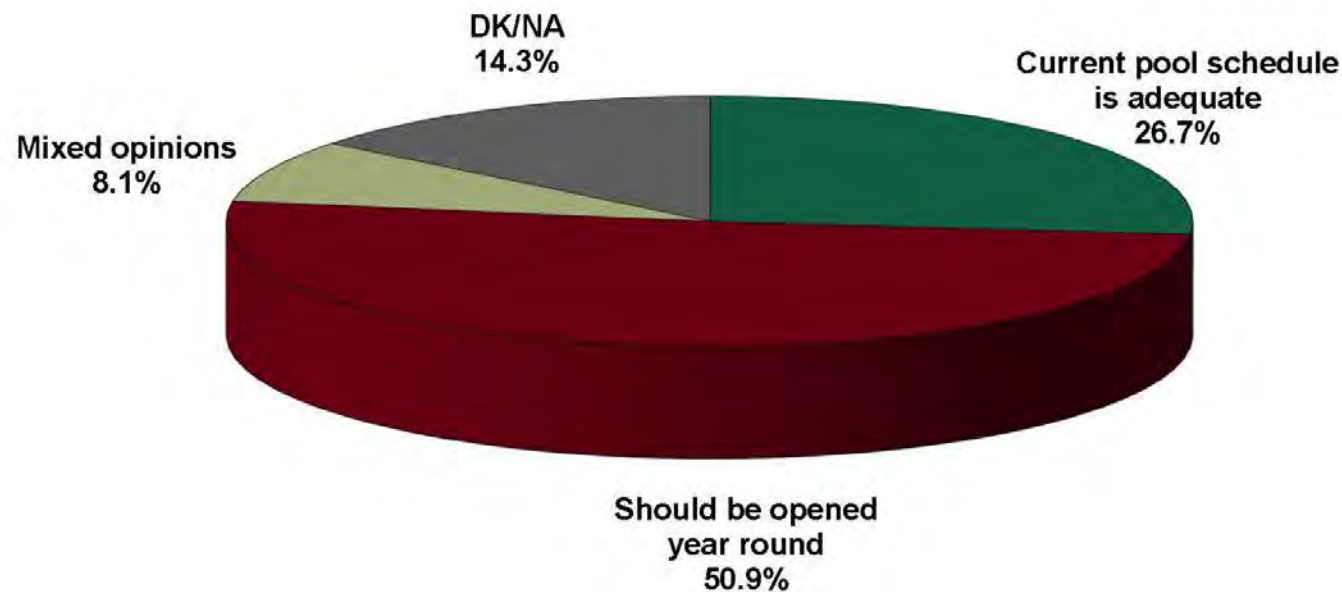
		Age					
		Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
7. Do you think the City should continue to subsidize the DeLaveaga Golf Course as a municipal golf course, or do you think the City should lease the course to a private golf management company?	Total	304	115	47	42	62	38
	Continue to subsidize as a municipal course	144 47.3%	39 34.1%	32 68.5%	21 49.6%	38 60.4%	14 36.9%
	Lease the course to a private golf management company	78 25.7%	32 28.2%	6 13.4%	10 23.0%	16 26.4%	13 35.4%
	Mixed opinions	28 9.3%	17 14.4%	2 4.0%	3 6.4%	4 6.6%	3 8.4%
	DK/NA	54 17.7%	27 23.4%	7 14.1%	9 21.1%	4 6.6%	7 19.3%



## Q8. Opinion on Current Pool Schedule for Harvey West Swimming Pool (n=304)

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Here the survey respondents were asked whether they felt the current ten week schedule for the Harvey West Swimming Pool is adequate or whether they would like to see the pool open year round. In response, about half indicated they would prefer the pool be open year round, in contrast with about one quarter of residents who said they felt the current schedule was adequate. Nearly one in ten respondents had mixed opinions, and about one in seven respondents either did not know or had no answer for this question.

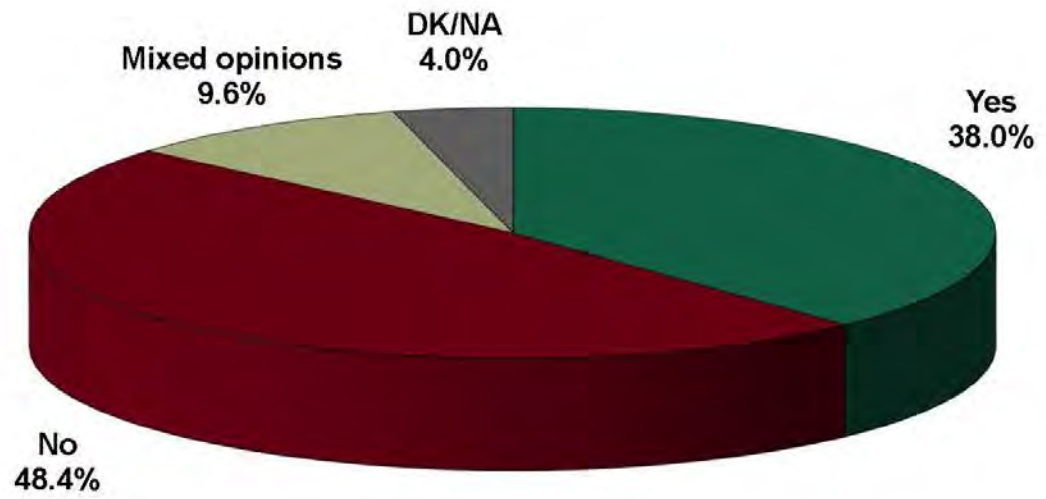




# Q9. Opinion on Whether City Parks Should be Locked at Night (n=304)

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When asked if they felt the City of Santa Cruz parks should be locked at night, slightly less than half of the survey respondents said "No." However, nearly two out of five residents indicated they would like to see the parks locked. About one in ten had mixed opinions on the subject.





## Q9. Opinion on Whether City Parks Should be Locked at Night Age Comparisons

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The youngest age group, 18 to 29 years, tended to be the biggest proponent of keeping the parks unlocked at night. On the other hand, respondents ages 30 to 39 and 50 to 64 had a higher tendency to say they would prefer the parks locked.

		Age					
		Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
9. Do you think that City of Santa Cruz Parks should be locked at night?	Total	304	115	47	42	62	38
	Yes	116 38.0%	26 22.7%	22 46.4%	18 42.7%	32 52.1%	17 45.7%
	No	147 48.4%	75 65.1%	21 45.6%	19 44.1%	21 34.3%	11 28.9%
	Mixed opinions	29 9.6%	11 9.8%	4 8.0%	4 9.0%	6 10.1%	4 11.2%
	DK/NA	12 4.0%	3 2.4%	0 .0%	2 4.2%	2 3.5%	5 14.2%



## Q10. Importance of Participation in Sports and Recreational Activities (n=304)

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Next, the survey respondents were read a list of sports and recreational activities, and asked to indicate for each if it would be important for themselves or a member of their household to be able to participate in this activity in Santa Cruz. Eight of the fourteen sports and recreational activities tested reached the level of being somewhat important (mean score of 1.0 or higher) to the survey respondents or a member of their household. The highest scoring activity in terms of importance was “Walking, hiking or jogging,” followed by “Swimming.” The two activities that received the lowest rating were “Golf” and “Pickleball.”

The activity “Walking, hiking or jogging” was considered to be important by more than 90 percent of respondents, while “Swimming” was considered important by more than 80 percent of respondents. More than 70 percent of respondents indicated they felt “Road cycling,” “Mountain biking,” and “Surfing” were important.

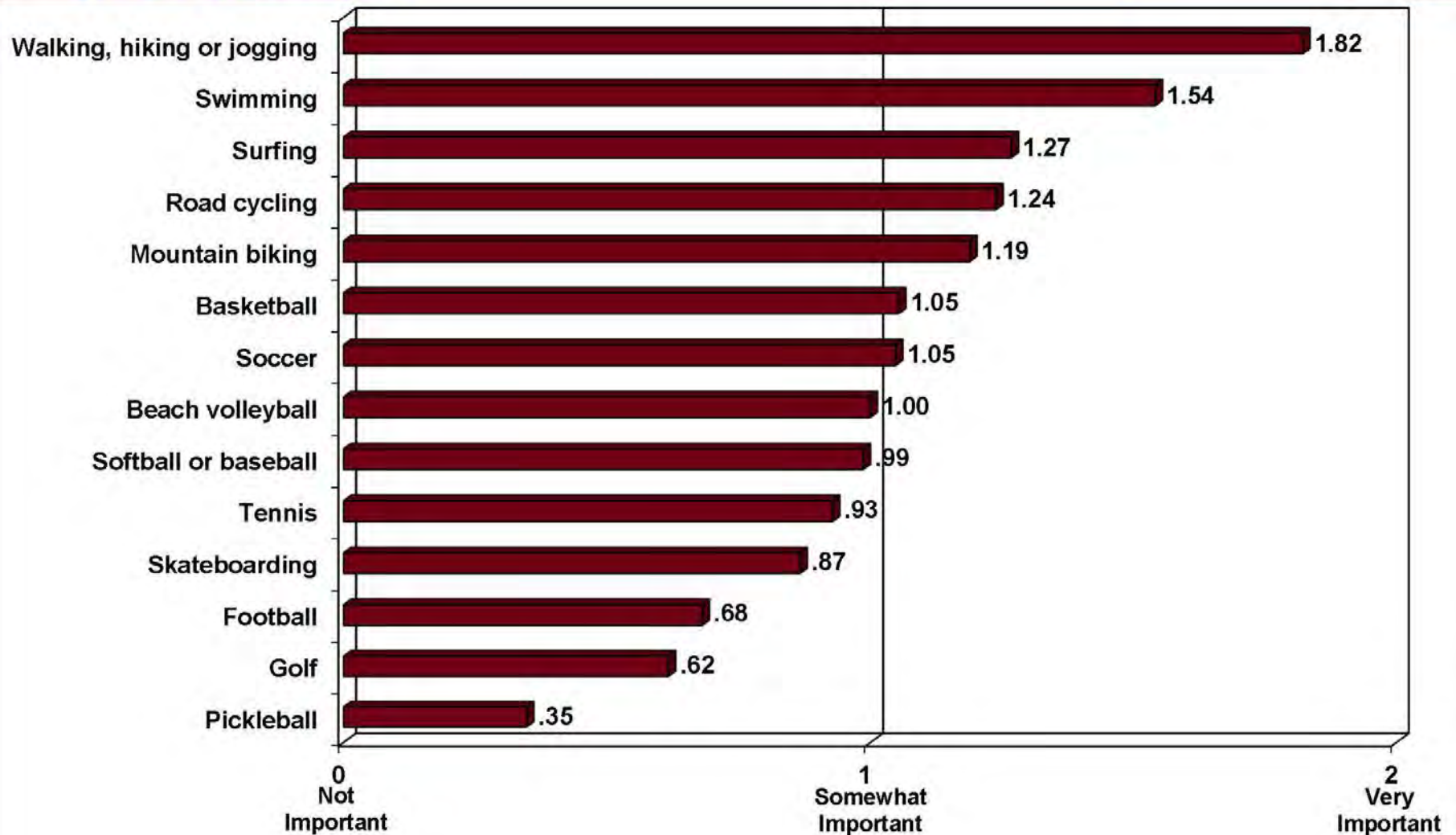
The chart illustrating how the tested activities scored is on the next page.





## Q10. Importance of Participation in Sports and Recreational Activities (n=304) Continued

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Note: The above rating questions have been abbreviated for charting purposes, and responses were recoded to calculate mean scores: "Very Important" = +2, "Somewhat Important" = +1, and "Not Important" = 0.

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# Q10. Importance of Participation in Sports and Recreational Activities

## Age Comparisons

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When studied in terms of age, respondents ages 30 to 64 tended to place higher importance on “Mountain biking.” The 40-to-49-year-olds were more likely to also indicate higher importance for “Golf,” and the 50-to-64-year-olds more frequently stated higher levels of importance for “Road cycling.”

	Age					
	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
10H. Walking, hiking or jogging	1.82	1.77	1.96	1.93	1.80	1.71
10G. Swimming	1.54	1.46	1.70	1.56	1.68	1.32
10K. Surfing	1.27	1.28	1.37	1.41	1.28	.91
10D. Road cycling	1.24	1.24	1.35	1.15	1.43	.87
10I. Mountain biking	1.19	1.13	1.32	1.30	1.41	.71
10B. Basketball	1.05	1.05	1.07	1.29	1.03	.82
10E. Soccer	1.05	1.00	1.17	1.16	1.06	.88
10M. Beach volleyball	1.00	.99	1.04	1.03	1.13	.74
10C. Softball or baseball	.99	.94	.90	1.35	.93	.90
10A. Tennis	.93	.94	.90	1.13	.91	.73
10J. Skateboarding	.87	.87	1.00	.92	.89	.60
10F. Football	.68	.78	.67	.71	.58	.54
10L. Golf	.62	.45	.59	.85	.73	.69
10N. Pickleball	.35	.24	.30	.38	.54	.38



# Q10. Importance of Participation in Sports and Recreational Activities

## Children in Household Comparisons

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Survey respondents with children in the household were more likely to indicate importance for “Basketball,” “Softball or baseball,” “Soccer,” and “Skateboarding.” Those residents without children in the household had a higher tendency to place importance on the activity “Walking, hiking or jogging.”

	Children Under 18 in Household		
	Total	Yes	No
10H. Walking, hiking or jogging	1.82	1.72	1.86
10G. Swimming	1.54	1.63	1.50
10K. Surfing	1.27	1.37	1.22
10E. Soccer	1.05	1.26	.96
10B. Basketball	1.05	1.25	.97
10I. Mountain biking	1.19	1.25	1.16
10C. Softball or baseball	.99	1.24	.89
10D. Road cycling	1.24	1.21	1.25
10J. Skateboarding	.87	1.08	.78
10M. Beach volleyball	1.00	1.05	.98
10A. Tennis	.93	.97	.91
10F. Football	.68	.70	.67
10L. Golf	.62	.66	.60
10N. Pickleball	.35	.31	.36



## Q11. Importance of Availability of Sports and Recreational Facilities (n=304)

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Next, the respondents were presented with a list of city park and recreation facilities and sites for sports and recreation and, for each, asked to indicate whether they felt it was important for the facility or site to be available in the City of Santa Cruz. All but one of the eighteen sites and facilities reached or exceeded the level of somewhat important (mean score of 1.0 or higher). The sites and facilities that garnered the highest ratings were “City beaches,” “Open space parks,” and “Trails.” The lowest score was given to “Golf course.”

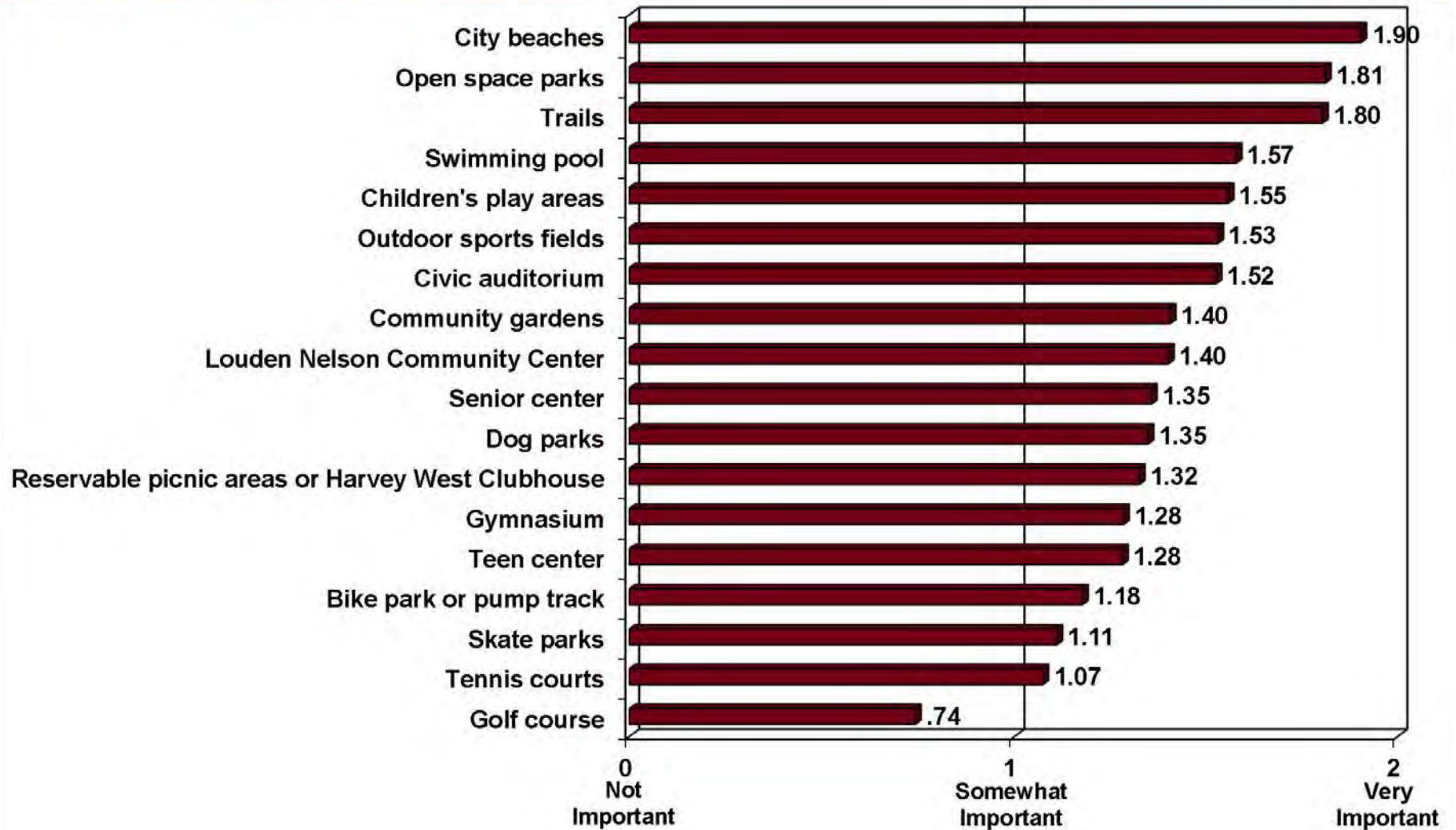
Further, more than 90 percent of respondents indicated importance for “City beaches,” “Outdoor sports fields,” “Open space parks,” and “Trails.” More than 80 percent of residents placed importance on “Swimming pool,” “Civic auditorium,” “Children’s play areas,” and “Community gardens.” And, more than 70 percent of survey respondents stated they felt “Gymnasium,” “Reservable picnic areas or Harvey West Clubhouse,” “Senior center,” “Teen center,” “Louden Nelson Community Center,” and “Dog parks” were important.

The chart illustrating these results is on the next page.



# Q11. Importance of Availability of Sports and Recreational Facilities or Sites (n=304) Continued

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Note: The above rating questions have been abbreviated for charting purposes, and responses were recoded to calculate mean scores: "Very Important" = +2, "Somewhat Important" = +1, and "Not Important" = 0.



# Q11. Importance of Availability of Sports and Recreational Facilities or Sites

## Age Comparisons

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Respondents ages 18 to 64 were more likely to indicate importance for “City beaches” and “Trails.” Those ages 40 to 49 were more likely to place importance on “Tennis courts,” “Golf course,” and “Reservable picnic areas or Harvey West Clubhouse.” The facilities and sites “Outdoor sports fields” and “Civic auditorium” were more likely to be identified as important by the 40-to-64-year-olds. Not surprisingly, residents ages 40 and older had a higher tendency to place importance on “Senior center.”

	Age					
	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
11B. City beaches	1.90	1.91	1.92	1.98	1.97	1.67
11K. Trails	1.80	1.78	2.00	1.87	1.82	1.53
11H. Open space parks	1.81	1.76	1.88	1.90	1.88	1.65
11F. Swimming pool	1.57	1.55	1.59	1.70	1.65	1.36
11G. Outdoor sports fields	1.53	1.47	1.53	1.74	1.68	1.23
11L. Children's play areas	1.55	1.43	1.74	1.76	1.58	1.43
11A. Gymnasium	1.28	1.38	1.22	1.45	1.22	.98
11I. Civic auditorium	1.52	1.36	1.43	1.71	1.73	1.58
11Q. Community gardens	1.40	1.33	1.47	1.57	1.44	1.29
11P. Dog parks	1.35	1.31	1.41	1.39	1.43	1.19
11O. Louden Nelson Community Center	1.40	1.19	1.53	1.56	1.52	1.39
11N. Teen center	1.28	1.14	1.21	1.51	1.47	1.21
11J. Reservable picnic areas or Harvey West Clubhouse	1.32	1.14	1.33	1.62	1.42	1.34
11R. Bike park or pump track	1.18	1.12	1.32	1.31	1.28	.85
11M. Senior center	1.35	1.11	1.20	1.58	1.57	1.66
11E. Skate parks	1.11	1.06	1.16	1.28	1.20	.85
11C. Tennis courts	1.07	.93	1.02	1.36	1.28	.91
11D. Golf course	.74	.52	.80	1.03	.88	.80



# Q11. Importance of Availability of Sports and Recreational Facilities or Sites Home Ownership Comparisons

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Homeowners were more likely to place importance on “Tennis courts,” “Golf course,” “Civic auditorium,” “Reservable picnic areas or Harvey West Clubhouse,” and “Senior center” over those who rent their home.

	Homeownership Status		
	Total	Owner	Renter
11B. City beaches	1.90	1.88	1.92
11H. Open space parks	1.81	1.85	1.78
11K. Trails	1.80	1.78	1.82
11I. Civic auditorium	1.52	1.68	1.40
11L. Children's play areas	1.55	1.60	1.52
11G. Outdoor sports fields	1.53	1.59	1.48
11F. Swimming pool	1.57	1.57	1.58
11M. Senior center	1.35	1.52	1.23
11O. Louden Nelson Community Center	1.40	1.48	1.33
11J. Reservable picnic areas or Harvey West Clubhouse	1.32	1.45	1.22
11P. Dog parks	1.35	1.41	1.30
11Q. Community gardens	1.40	1.40	1.41
11N. Teen center	1.28	1.30	1.26
11A. Gymnasium	1.28	1.20	1.34
11C. Tennis courts	1.07	1.19	.99
11R. Bike park or pump track	1.18	1.16	1.18
11E. Skate parks	1.11	1.10	1.11
11D. Golf course	.74	.86	.65



# Q11. Importance of Availability of Sports and Recreational Facilities or Sites Children in Household Comparisons

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Survey respondents with children in the household tended to place more importance statistically on “Outdoor sports fields” and “Children’s play areas.”

	Children Under 18 in Household		
	Total	Yes	No
11B. City beaches	1.90	1.92	1.89
11H. Open space parks	1.81	1.85	1.79
11K. Trails	1.80	1.79	1.80
11L. Children's play areas	1.55	1.77	1.47
11G. Outdoor sports fields	1.53	1.72	1.45
11F. Swimming pool	1.57	1.68	1.53
11I. Civic auditorium	1.52	1.53	1.52
11O. Louden Nelson Community Center	1.40	1.42	1.39
11N. Teen center	1.28	1.40	1.23
11M. Senior center	1.35	1.40	1.34
11P. Dog parks	1.35	1.35	1.34
11A. Gymnasium	1.28	1.32	1.27
11R. Bike park or pump track	1.18	1.32	1.12
11J. Reservable picnic areas or Harvey West Clubhouse	1.32	1.30	1.34
11Q. Community gardens	1.40	1.28	1.45
11E. Skate parks	1.11	1.24	1.06
11C. Tennis courts	1.07	1.15	1.04
11D. Golf course	.74	.80	.72





## Q11. Importance of Availability of Sports and Recreational Facilities or Sites Adults 65 and Older in Household Comparisons

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Respondents from households with one adult age 65 or older were more likely to state higher levels of importance for the availability of a senior center.

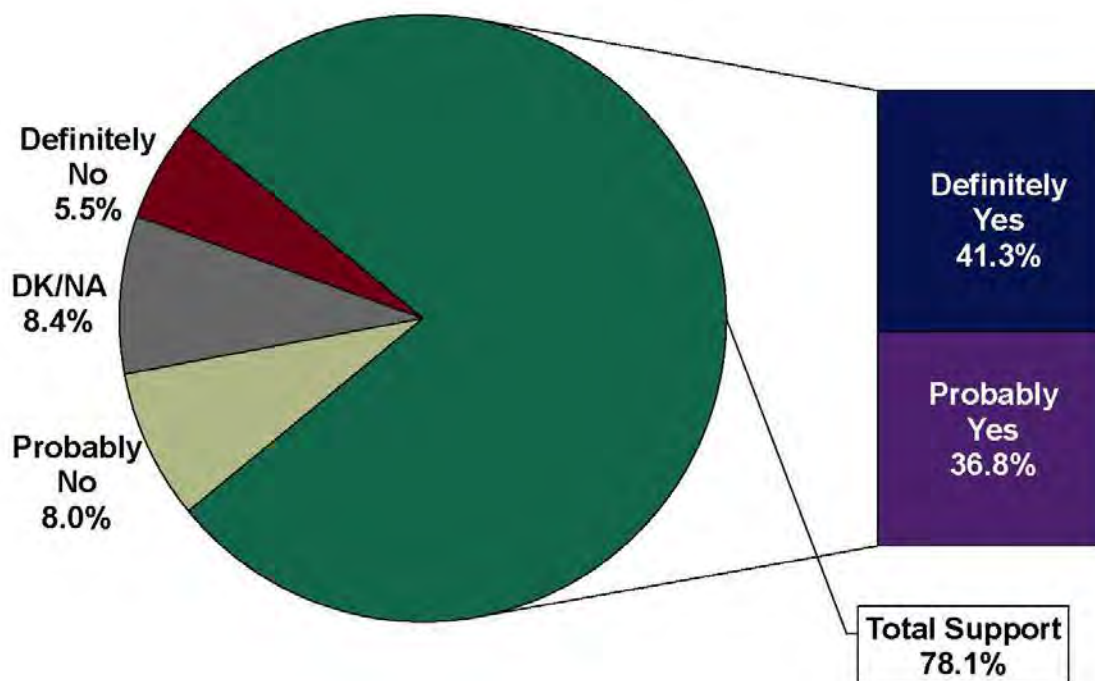
	Adults 65 and Over in Household					
	Total	None	One	Two	Three or more	DK/NA
11B. City beaches	1.90	1.92	1.81	1.84	2.00	1.00
11K. Trails	1.80	1.82	1.72	1.77	1.79	1.00
11H. Open space parks	1.81	1.81	1.85	1.68	2.00	1.00
11F. Swimming pool	1.57	1.57	1.68	1.55	1.47	1.00
11L. Children's play areas	1.55	1.56	1.54	1.45	1.84	.00
11G. Outdoor sports fields	1.53	1.53	1.58	1.43	1.68	.00
11I. Civic auditorium	1.52	1.50	1.78	1.45	1.39	.00
11Q. Community gardens	1.40	1.38	1.45	1.50	1.39	1.00
11O. Louden Nelson Community Center	1.40	1.38	1.44	1.47	1.47	1.00
11P. Dog parks	1.35	1.36	1.37	1.13	1.63	.00
11A. Gymnasium	1.28	1.32	1.32	.94	1.47	.00
11J. Reservable picnic areas or Harvey West Clubhouse	1.32	1.29	1.41	1.48	1.21	1.00
11N. Teen center	1.28	1.26	1.38	1.24	1.61	.00
11M. Senior center	1.35	1.23	1.79	1.57	1.77	1.00
11R. Bike park or pump track	1.18	1.21	1.16	.88	1.34	.00
11E. Skate parks	1.11	1.13	1.15	.94	1.23	.00
11C. Tennis courts	1.07	1.05	1.17	1.06	1.45	.00
11D. Golf course	.74	.69	.81	.99	.86	.00



# Q12. Support for Contributing Financially to Park and Recreation Programs (n=304)

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The survey respondents were asked if they would be willing to contribute to the financial support of the park and recreation programs. Overall support was at 78.1% (“Definitely yes” 41.3%, “Probably yes” 36.8%). In contrast, overall opposition stood at 13.3% (“Definitely no” 5.5%, “Probably no” 8.0%), and 8.4% did not render an opinion.



**To maintain and improve the quality of life in the City of Santa Cruz by**

- Maintaining parks, beaches and recreation facilities;
- Maintaining and enhancing recreation programs, including youth, adult and senior programs; and,
- Providing additional park rangers to patrol parks and beaches;

**would you be willing to contribute financially to support these programs and facilities?**



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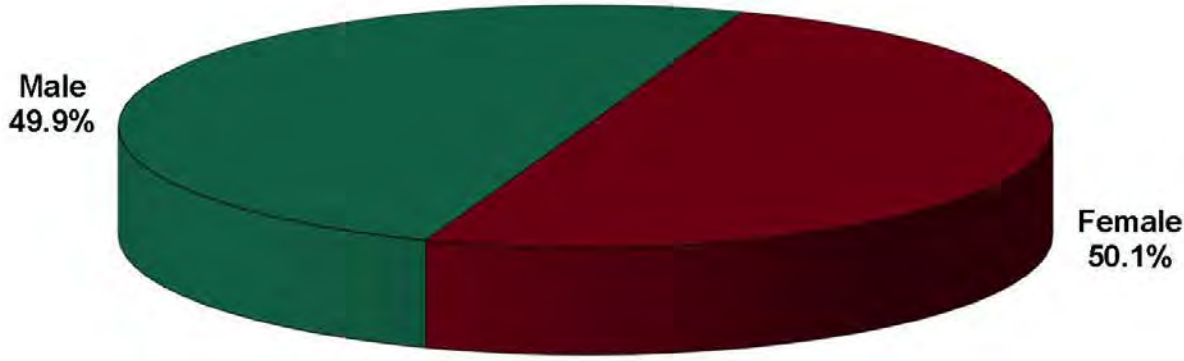
## Appendix A: Additional Demographic Information

(Note: weighted to 2013 ACS)



# QA. Gender

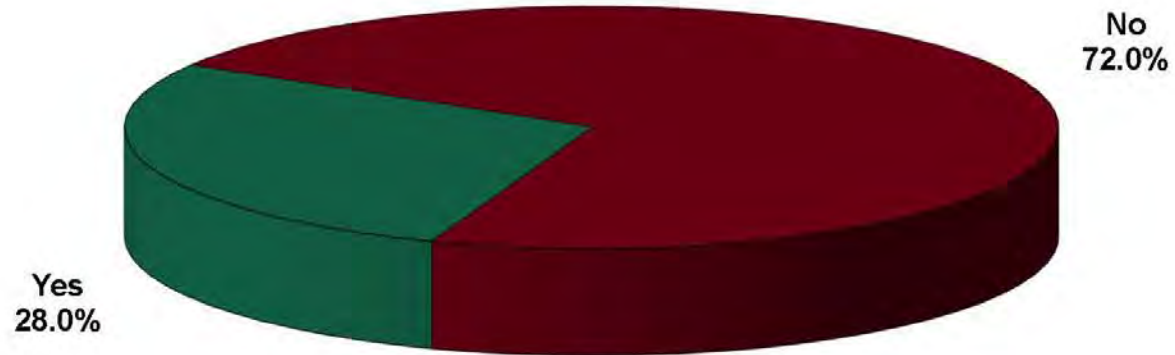
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## QB. Children in Household

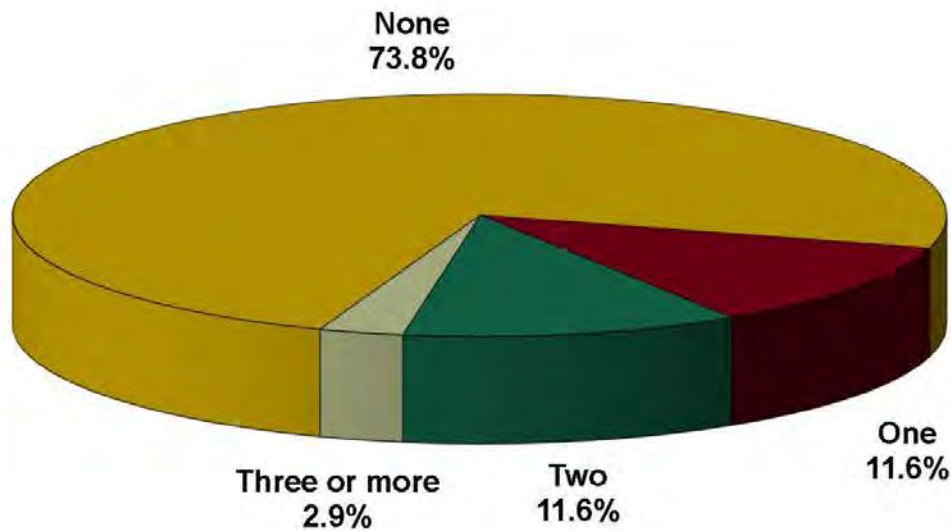
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# QC. Adults Ages 65 and Older in Household

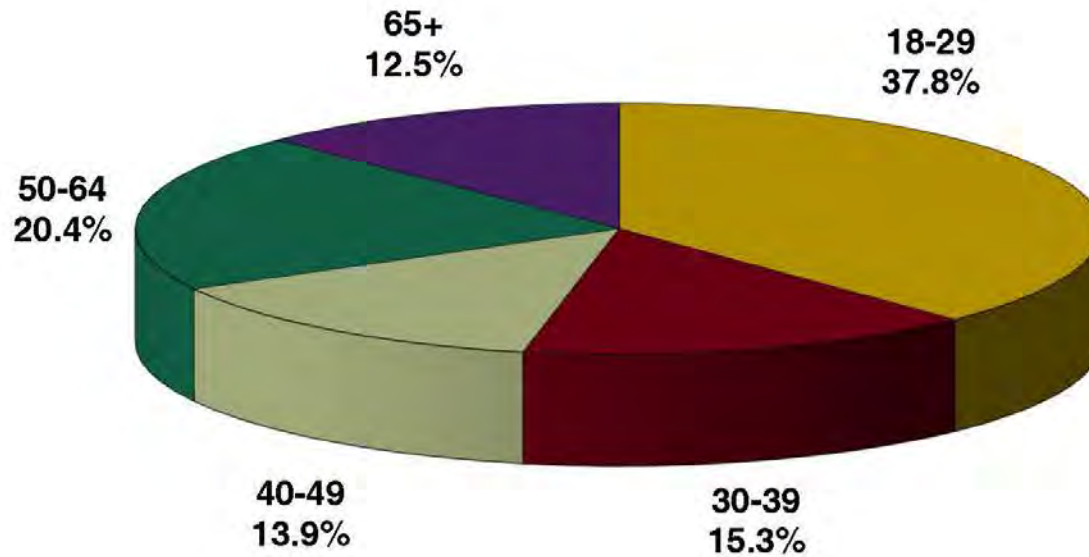
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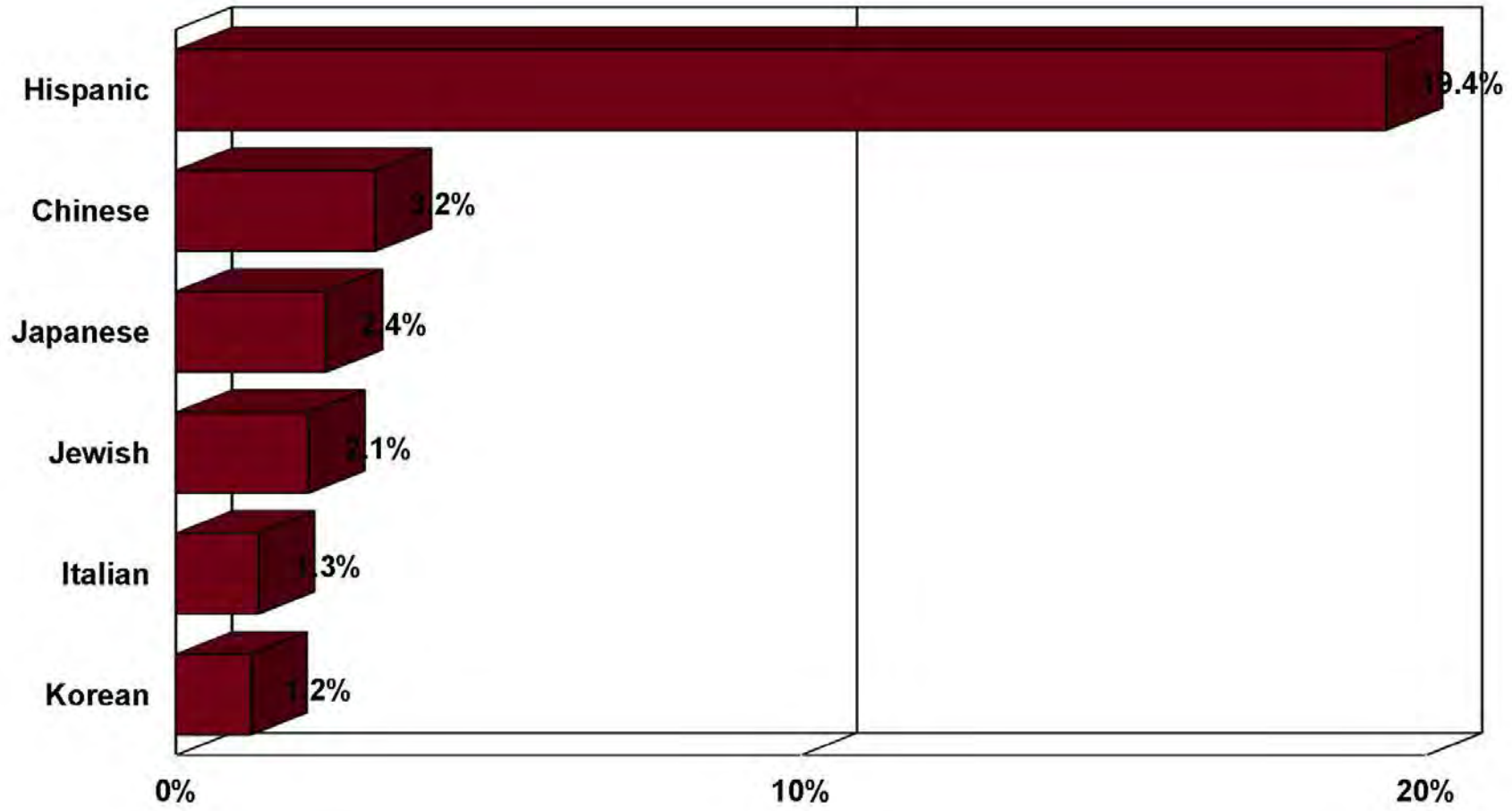
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# QE. Ethnic Surname

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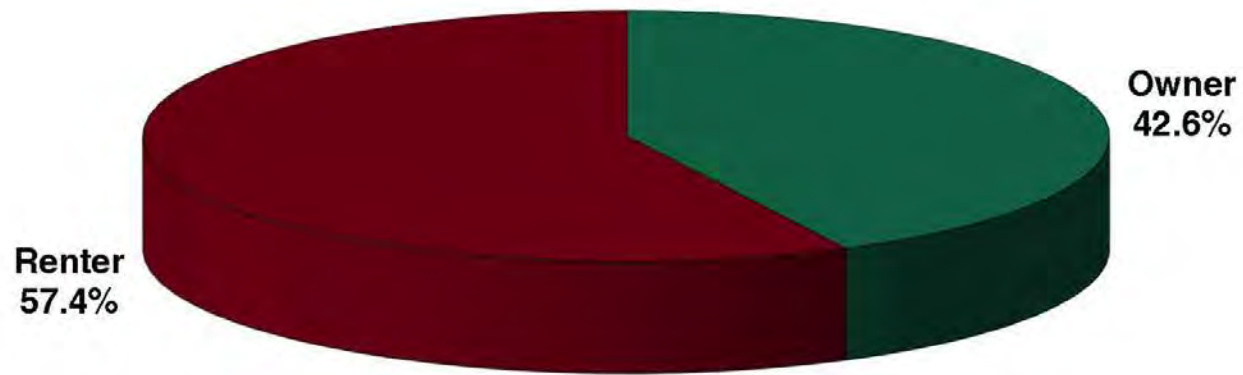






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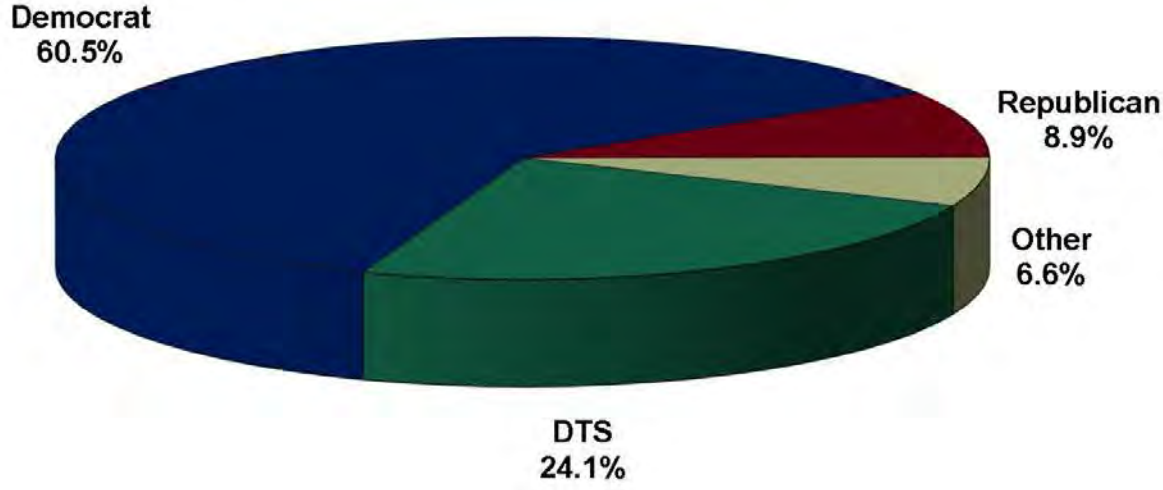
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# QG. Individual Party

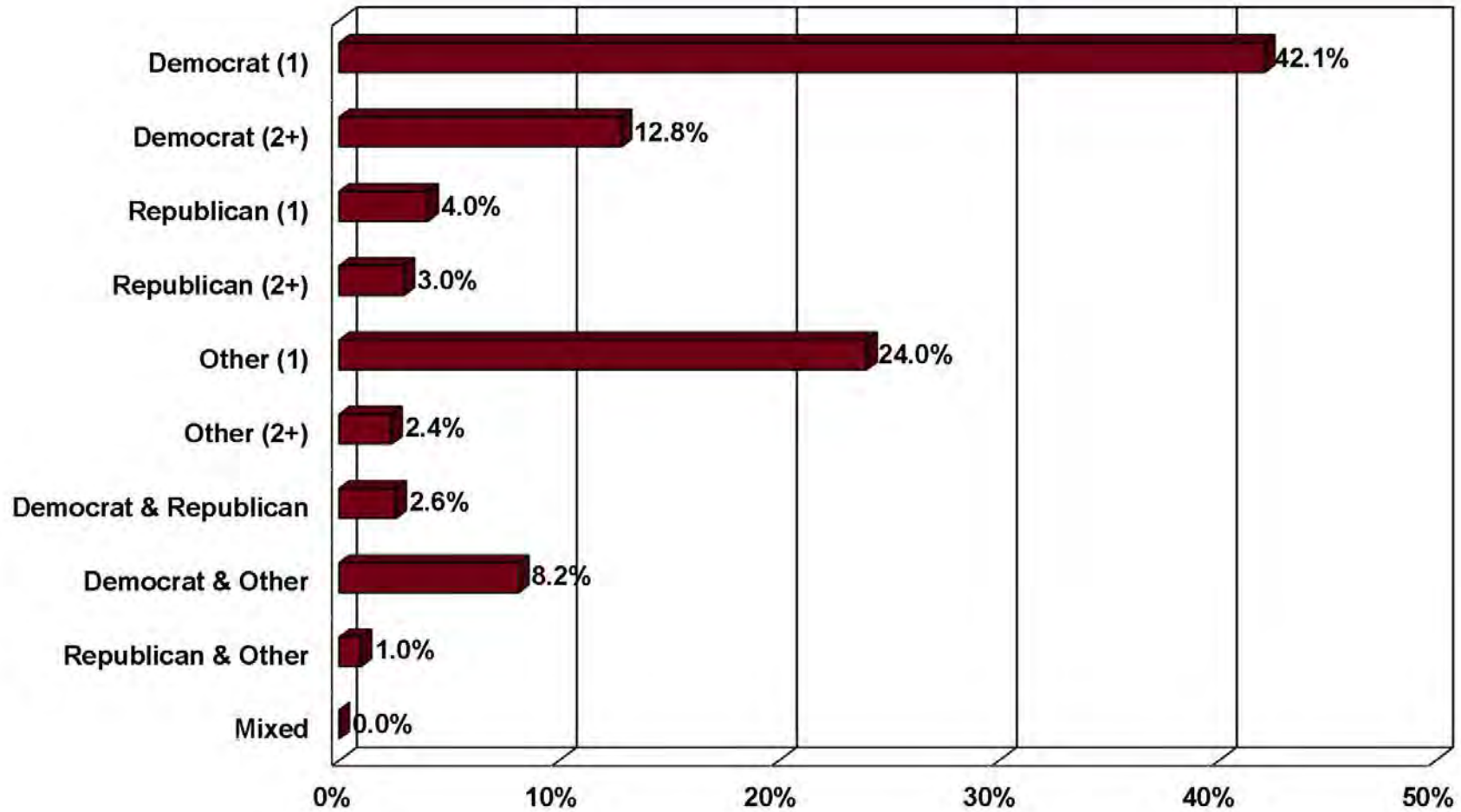
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# QH. Household Party Type

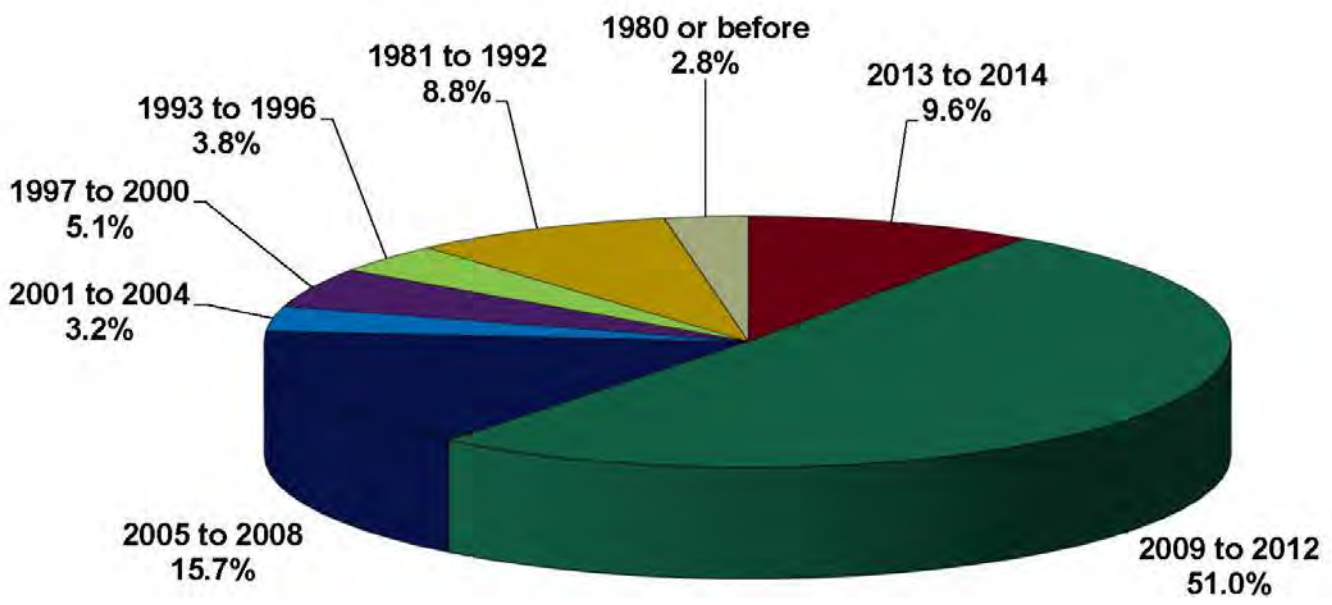
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# Q1. Registration Date

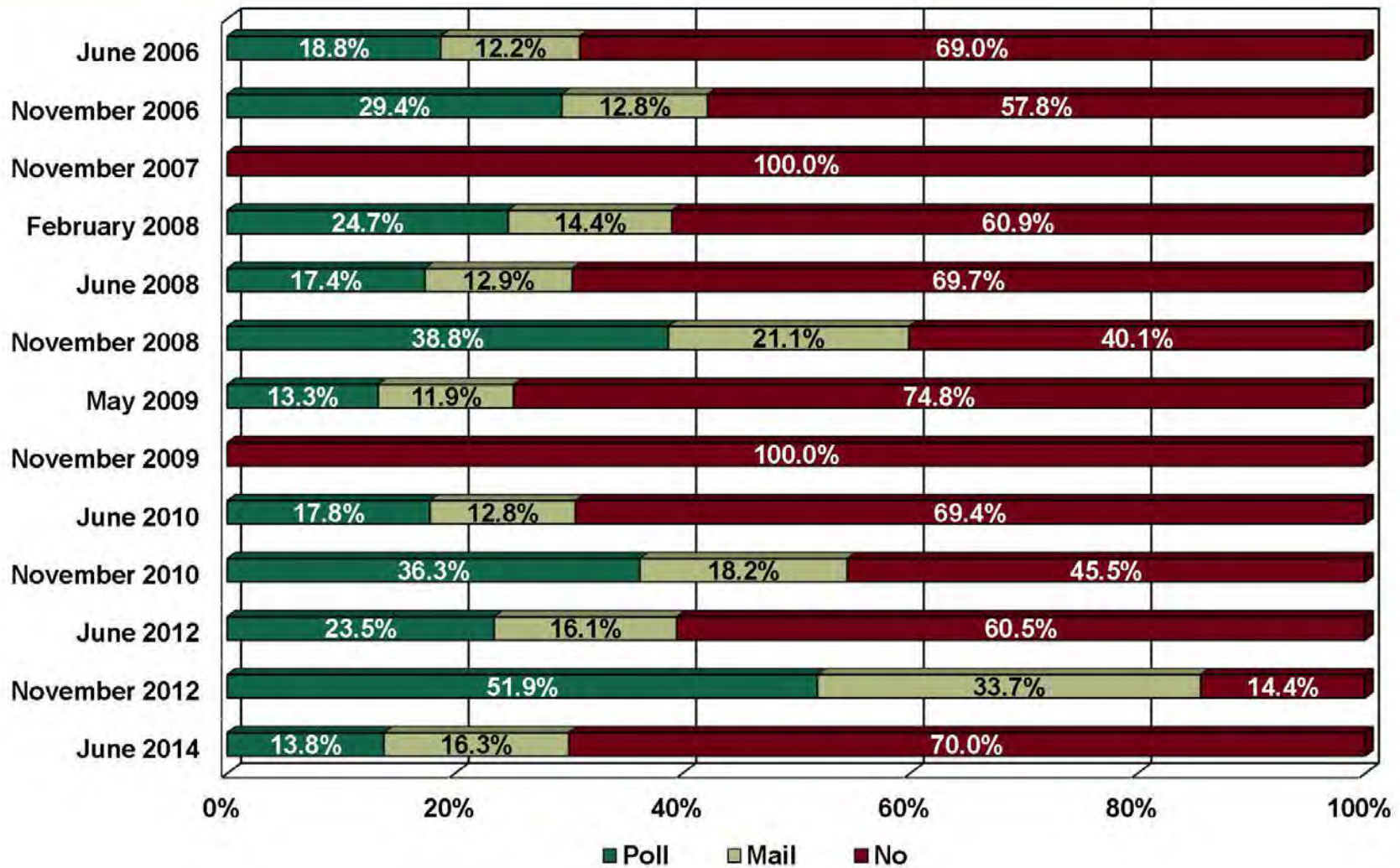
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# QJ. Voting History

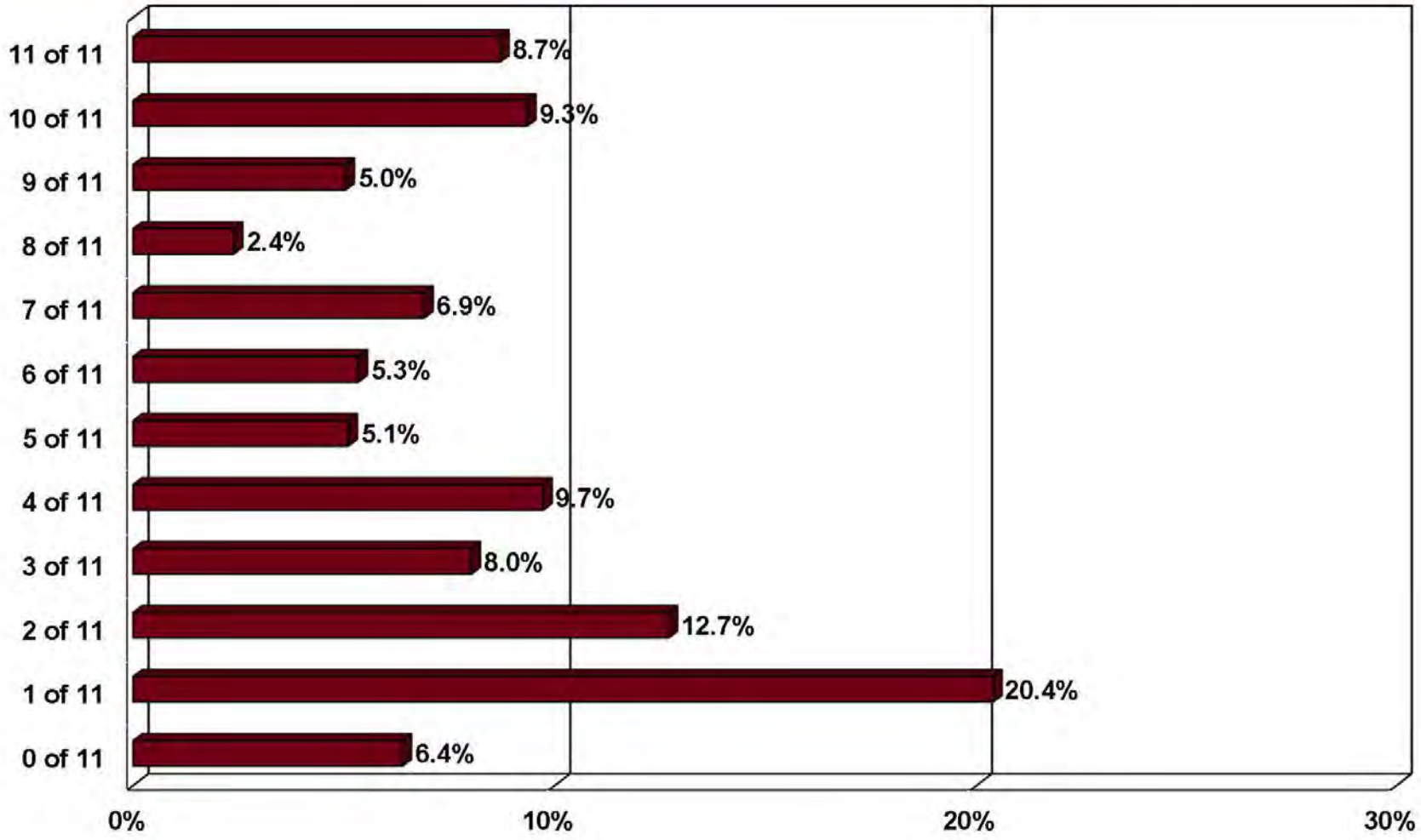
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# QK. Times Voted in Last Elections

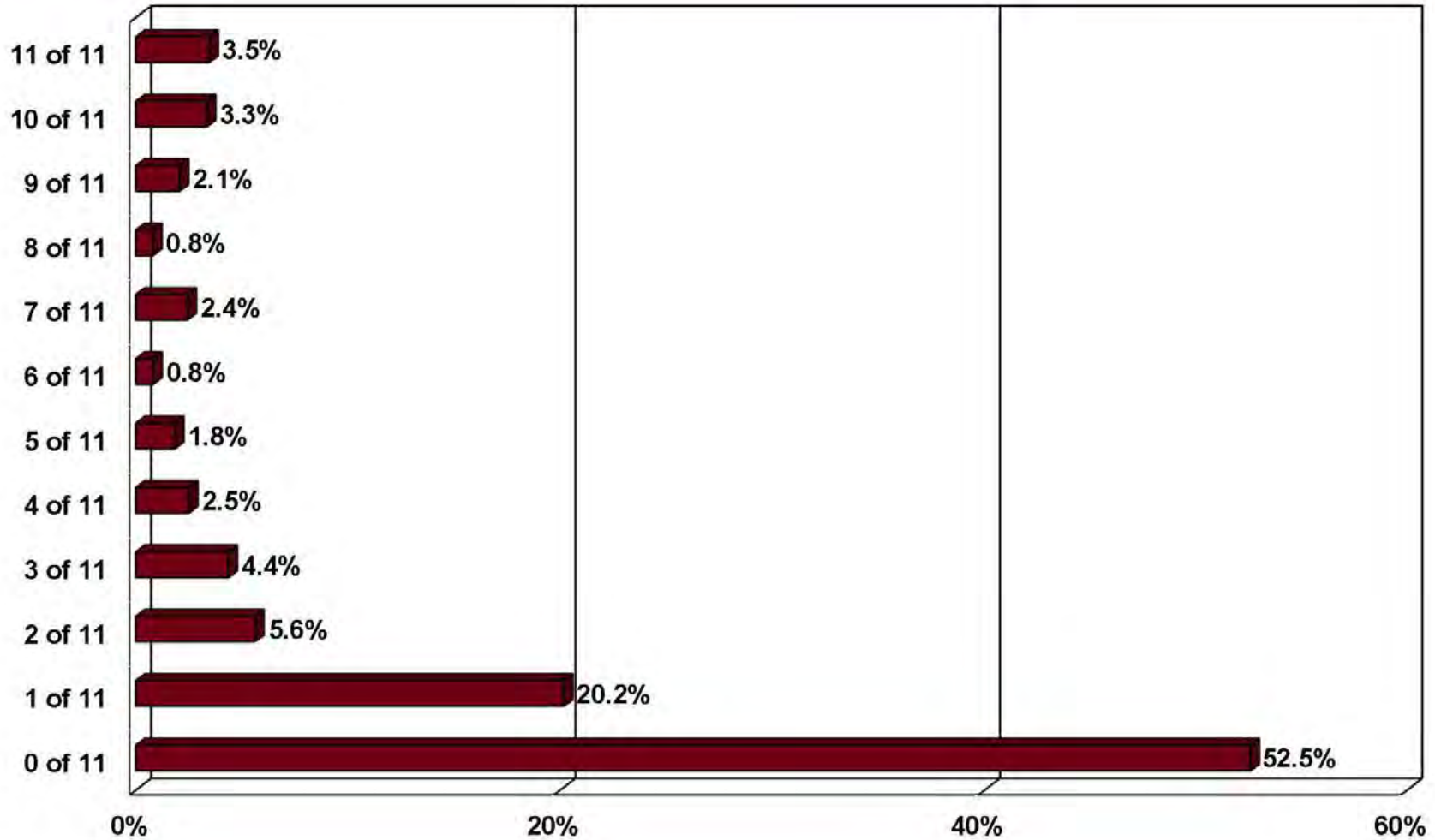
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# QL. Times Voted Absentee

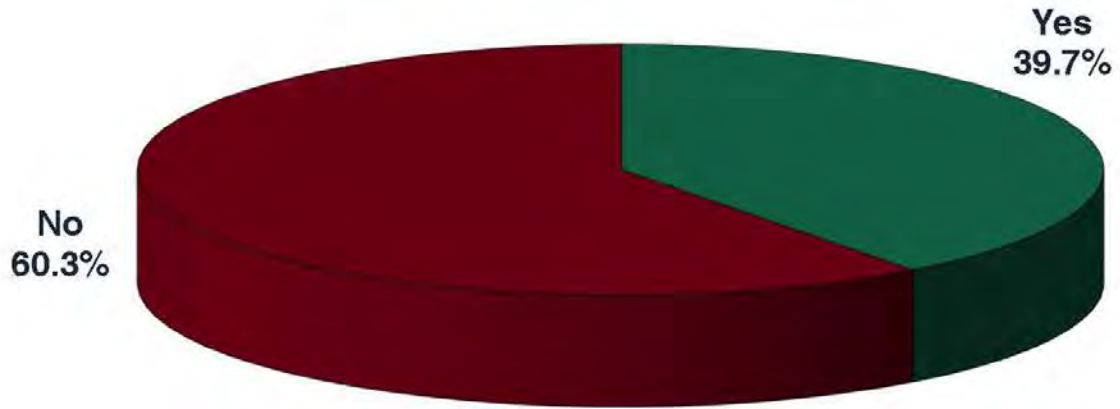
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# QM. Permanent Absentee Voter

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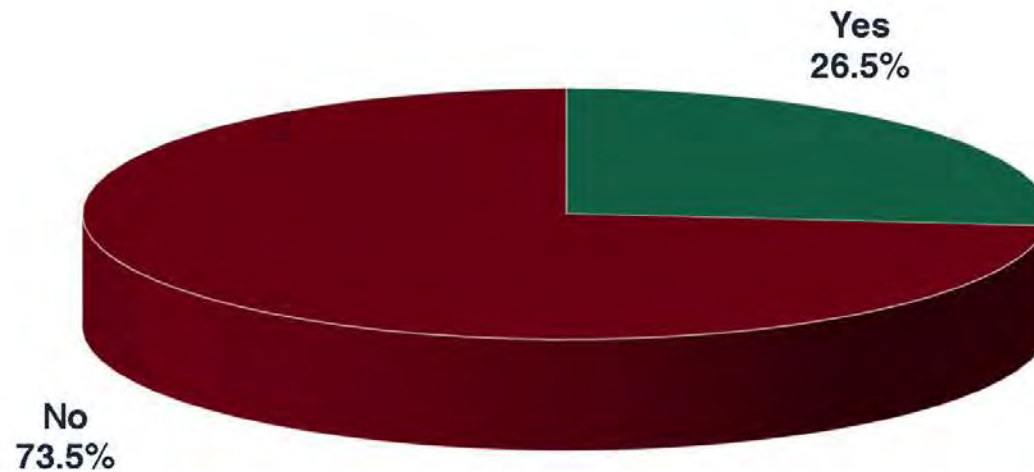






# QN. Likely Absentee Voter

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Appendix B: Detailed Methodology



## Survey Methodology

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### Survey Parameters

Godbe Research conducted a total of 304 interviews weighted to represent 52,265 adults age 18 and older in the City of Santa Cruz, based on the 2013 American Community Survey population estimates. The error rate is plus or minus 5.06%. Interviews were conducted from January 6 through January 11, 2015. The average interview time was approximately 16 minutes.

### Sample and Weighting

The data have been weighted to reflect the actual population characteristics of the 2013 American Community Survey in the City of Santa Cruz in terms of their gender, age, ethnicity, and home ownership.

### Questionnaire Methodology

To avoid the problem of systematic position bias, where the order in which a series of questions is asked systematically influences the answers, several questions in the survey were randomized such that the respondents were not consistently asked the questions in the same order. The series of items in Questions 6, 7 and 10 were randomized to avoid such position bias. Further, Questions 7, 8 and 9 were rotated so that the sample was balanced in which question the respondent heard first.



## Margin of Error I

Because a survey typically involves a limited number of people who are part of a larger population group, by mere chance alone there will almost always be some differences between a sample and the population from which it was drawn. These differences are known as “sampling error” and they are expected to occur regardless of how scientifically the sample has been selected. The advantage of a scientific sample is that we are able to calculate the sampling error. Sampling error is determined by four factors: the population size, the sample size, a confidence level, and the dispersion of responses.

For example, the following table shows the possible sampling variation that applies to a percent result reported from a probability type sample. Because the sample of 304 voters was drawn from the estimated population of the City of Santa Cruz of approximately 52,265 adults age 18 and older, one can be 95% confident that the margin of error due to sampling will not vary, plus or minus, by more than the indicated number of percent points from the result that would have been obtained if the interviews had been conducted with all persons in the universe. As the table on the following page indicates, the margin of error for all aggregate responses is between 3.36 and 5.60% for the survey.

This means that, for a given question with dichotomous response options (e.g., Yes/No) answered by 304 respondents, one can be 95% confident that the difference between the percent breakdowns of the sample and those of the total population is no greater than 5.60%. The percent margin of error applies to both sides of the answer, so that for a question in which 50% of respondents said yes, one can be 95% confident that the actual percent of the population that would say yes is between 44% (50 minus 5.60) and 56% (50 plus 5.60).

The margin of error for a given question also depends on the distribution of responses to the question. The 5.60% refers to dichotomous questions where opinions are evenly split in the sample with 50% of respondents saying yes and 50% saying no. If that same question were to receive a response in which 10% of the respondents say yes and 90% say no, then the margin of error would be no greater than plus or minus 3.36%. As the number of respondents in a particular subgroup (e.g., age) is smaller than the number of total respondents, the margin of error associated with estimating a given subgroup’s response will be higher. Due to the high margin of error, Godbe Research cautions against generalizing the results for subgroups that are comprised of 25 or fewer respondents.



## Margin of Error II

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<i>n</i>	Distribution of Responses				
	90% / 10%	80% / 20%	70% / 30%	60% / 40%	50% / 50%
<b>800</b>	2.06%	2.75%	3.15%	3.37%	3.44%
<b>600</b>	2.39%	3.18%	3.65%	3.90%	3.98%
<b>500</b>	2.62%	3.49%	4.00%	4.27%	4.36%
<b>400</b>	2.93%	3.91%	4.47%	4.78%	4.88%
<b>304</b>	3.36%	4.48%	5.14%	5.49%	5.60%
<b>200</b>	4.15%	5.53%	6.34%	6.78%	6.92%



# Reading Crosstabulation Tables

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The questions discussed and analyzed in this report comprise a subset of various crosstabulation tables available for each question. Only those subgroups that are of particular interest or that illustrate particular insights are included in the discussion. Should readers wish to conduct a closer analysis of subgroups for a given question, the complete breakdowns appear in Appendix E. These crosstabulation tables provide detailed information on the responses to each question by demographic and behavioral groups that were assessed in the survey. A typical crosstabulation table is shown here.

A short description of the item appears on the left-hand side of the table. The item sample size (n = 304) is presented in the first column of data under "Total."

The results to each possible answer choice of all respondents are presented in the first column of data under "Total." The aggregate number of respondents in each answer category is presented as a whole number, and the percent of the entire sample that this number represents is just below the whole number. In this example, among the total respondents, 144 residents reported their "Continue to subsidize" response, and this number of respondents equals 47.3% of the total sample size of 304. Next to the "Total" column are the other columns representing responses men and women. The data from these columns are read in exactly the same fashion as the data in the "Total" column, although each group makes up a smaller percent of the entire sample.

EXAMPLE OF DATA CROSTABULATION TABLE		Respondent's Gender		
		Total	Male	Female
Do you think the City should continue to subsidize the DeLaveaga Golf Course as a municipal golf course, or do you think the City should lease the course to a private golf management company?	Total	304	152	152
	Continue to subsidize as a municipal course	144 47.3%	70 45.9%	74 48.6%
	Lease the course to a private golf management company	78 25.7%	47 30.9%	31 20.6%
	Mixed opinions	28 9.3%	5 3.0%	24 15.6%
	DK/NA	54 17.7%	31 20.2%	23 15.2%



# Subgroup Comparisons

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To test whether or not the differences found in percent results among subgroups are likely due to actual differences in opinions or behaviors – rather than the results of chance due to the random nature of the sampling design – a “z-test” was performed. In the headings of each column are labels, “A,” “B,” “C,” etc. along with a description of the variable. The “z-test” is performed by comparing the percent in each cell with all other cells in the same row within a given variable (within Gender in the pictured table, for example).

The results from the “z-test” are displayed in a separate table below the crosstabulation table. If the percent in one cell is statistically different from the percent in another, the column label will be displayed in the cell from which it varies significantly. For instance, in the adjacent table, a significantly higher percent of women (15.6%) reported “Mixed opinions” than men (3.0%). Hence, the letter “A,” which stands for men, appears under Column “B,” which stands for women. The letters in the table indicate the differences where one can be 95% confident that the results are due to actual differences in opinions or behaviors reported by subgroups of respondents.

It is important to note that the percent difference among subgroups is just one piece in the equation to determine whether or not two percentage figures are significantly different from each other. The variance and sample size associated with each data point is integral to determining significance. Therefore, two calculations may be different from each other, yet the difference may not be statistically significant according to the “z” statistic.

EXAMPLE OF DATA FOR SUBGROUP COMPARISONS		Respondent's Gender		
		Total	Male	Female
Do you think the City should continue to subsidize the DeLaveaga Golf Course as a municipal golf course, or do you think the City should lease the course to a private golf management company?	Total	304	152	152
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EXAMPLE OF DATA FOR Z-TEST		Respondent's Gender	
		Male	Female
		(A)	(B)
Do you think the City should continue to subsidize the DeLaveaga Golf Course as a municipal golf course, or do you think the City should lease the course to a private golf management company?	Continue to subsidize as a municipal course		
	Lease the course to a private golf management company	B	
	Mixed opinions		A
	DK/NA		



## Understanding a Mean

In addition to the analysis of the percent of the responses, some results are discussed with respect to an average score. To derive the overall importance of an issue, Q6 for example, a number value was assigned to each response category – in this case, “Very Satisfied” = +2, “Somewhat Satisfied” = +1, “Somewhat Dissatisfied” = -1 and “Very Dissatisfied” = -2.

The number values that correspond to respondents' answers were then averaged to produce a final score that reflects the overall importance of an issue. The resulting mean score makes the interpretation of the data considerably easier.

In the crosstabulation tables for Questions 6, 10 and 11 of the survey, the reader will find mean scores. These mean scores represent the average response of each group. The table to the right shows the scales for each corresponding question. Responses of “DK/NA” were not included in the calculations of the means for any question.

Question	Measure	Scale	Values
Q6	Satisfaction Ratings	-2 to +2	+2 = “Very Satisfied” +1 = “Somewhat Satisfied” -1 = “Somewhat Dissatisfied” -2 = “Very Dissatisfied”
Q10 and Q11	Importance Ratings	-2 to +2	+2 = “Very Important” +1 = “Somewhat Important” 0 = “Not Important”





# Means Comparisons

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A typical crosstabulation table of mean scores is shown in the adjacent table. All subgroups of interest concerning questions 6, 10 and 11 are included in Appendix E.

The aggregate mean score for each item in the question series is presented in the first column of the data under "Total." For example, among all the survey respondents, the feature D "Availability of local recreation facilities," earned a mean score of 1.43. Next to the "Total" column are other columns representing the mean scores assigned by the respondents grouped by Gender.

The data from these columns are read in the same fashion as the data in the "Total" column. To test whether two mean scores are statistically different, a "t-test" is performed. As in the case of the "z-test" for percentage figures, a statistically significant result is indicated by the letter representing the data column.

EXAMPLE OF DATA FOR MEANS COMPARISON	Respondent's Gender		
	Total	Male	Female
A. Maintenance of local recreation facilities	1.30	1.26	1.35
B. Safety of city beaches	1.28	1.43	1.14
C. Park lighting	.80	.81	.80
D. Availability of local recreation facilities	1.43	1.27	1.58

EXAMPLE OF DATA FOR MEANS COMPARISON	Respondent's Gender	
	Male	Female
	(A)	(B)
A. Maintenance of local recreation facilities		
B. Safety of city beaches		
C. Park lighting		
D. Availability of local recreation facilities		A



Appendix C: Topline Report



**CITY OF SANTA CRUZ**

2015 Park & Recreation Survey

Topline Report  
 n=304  
 15.66-minutes  
 Voter Sample / Weighted to Census Data

January 25, 2015

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 2015 Santa Cruz Park Rec Survey

**METHODOLOGY**

Sample Universe: All voters weighted to Census data, 18 years or older  
 Sample Size: N=304  
 Error Rate: ±5.06%  
 Interview Dates: January 6 to January 11, 2015  
 Survey Length: 15.66 minutes  
 Survey Languages: English & Spanish

**OVERALL SATISFACTION, LEISURE TIME & PARK USAGE**

		%	N=	Mean
1. In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the overall quality of life in Santa Cruz?	Very satisfied	64.3%	196	
	Somewhat satisfied	28.1%	86	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	5.6%	17	
	Very dissatisfied	1.4%	4	
	DK/NA	.5%	1	
2. In general, what do you most like to do during your leisure time?	Going to beach	33.5%	102	
	Outdoor sports or athletic activities	31.5%	96	
	Spend time with family/friends	24.8%	76	
	Dining out	19.3%	59	
	Other	16.4%	50	
	Reading	13.8%	42	
	Movies at the theater	13.1%	40	
	Indoor sports or athletic activities	12.3%	37	
	Cultural activities, such as theater, musical or art performances	12.1%	37	
	Television/movie rentals	12.0%	36	
	Shopping	11.7%	35	
	Gardening projects	7.4%	23	
	Home projects	7.0%	21	
	Internet/Web surfing	6.9%	21	
	Surfing	6.9%	21	
Sporting events, attend in-person or watch on television	6.1%	18		
Golfing	4.0%	12		
DK/NA	1.1%	3		
3. Do you or a member of your household, participate in any fitness, athletic or sports activities?	Yes	77.5%	236	
	No	22.2%	68	
	DK/NA	.3%	1	



# APPENDIX 5.2: GODBE REPORTS

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		%	N=	Mean
4. What fitness, athletic or sports activities do you or a member of your household participate in?	Hiking or walking, outside only	37.8%	115	
	Swimming	17.7%	54	
	Running, track, and field	17.6%	54	
	Other	13.7%	42	
	Road biking	12.0%	38	
	Surfing	10.9%	33	
	Soccer	9.3%	28	
	Mountain biking	9.1%	28	
	Basketball	7.9%	24	
	Baseball	6.7%	20	
	Gymnastics	5.6%	17	
	Tennis	5.1%	15	
	Dance	4.5%	14	
	Boating or sailing	4.0%	12	
	Golfing	4.0%	12	
	Softball	3.3%	10	
	Kayaking	2.6%	8	
	Football	2.6%	8	
	Martial arts	2.0%	6	
	T-ball	0.9%	3	
DK/NA	0.2%	1		
5. In the past 12 months, have you or a member of your household visited or used any parks, trails, or recreation facilities in Santa Cruz?	Walking and hiking trails	46.3%	141	
	Beaches	44.9%	137	
	Parks	43.0%	131	
	Bike paths or lanes	22.3%	68	
	Mountain bike trails	15.9%	48	
	Picnic areas	15.1%	46	
	Swimming facilities	12.0%	36	
	No, have not visited	9.7%	30	
	Bike park / pump track	8.7%	27	
	Ballfields and courts	8.5%	26	
	Sports/fitness club	8.3%	25	
	Skatepark	6.9%	21	
	Golf course	5.0%	15	
	Other	4.1%	12	
	Disc golf	3.0%	9	
	Pickleball	1.6%	5	
	DK/NA	0.6%	2	

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## PARK & RECREATION SATISFACTION

		%	N=	Mean
6A. Maintenance of local recreation facilities	Very satisfied	47.3%	74	
	Somewhat satisfied	35.4%	58	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	5.7%	9	
	Very dissatisfied	2.7%	4	
	DK/NA	8.8%	14	
6B. Safety of city beaches	Very satisfied	50.4%	79	
	Somewhat satisfied	30.9%	49	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	7.0%	11	
	Very dissatisfied	3.7%	6	
	DK/NA	8.1%	13	
6C. Park lighting	Very satisfied	34.0%	53	
	Somewhat satisfied	18.7%	28	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	16.2%	25	
	Very dissatisfied	5.3%	8	
	DK/NA	27.9%	44	
6D. Availability of local recreation facilities	Very satisfied	56.9%	90	
	Somewhat satisfied	32.6%	51	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	5.2%	8	
	Very dissatisfied	1.6%	3	
	DK/NA	3.7%	6	
6E. Facilities at neighborhood parks	Very satisfied	44.5%	70	
	Somewhat satisfied	35.6%	58	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	5.4%	8	
	Very dissatisfied	4.1%	6	
	DK/NA	10.5%	16	
6F. Civic Auditorium	Very satisfied	33.7%	53	
	Somewhat satisfied	24.0%	38	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	5.4%	8	
	Very dissatisfied	1.9%	3	
	DK/NA	35.1%	55	
6G. Maintenance of city beaches	Very satisfied	48.1%	71	
	Somewhat satisfied	43.4%	64	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	2.6%	4	
	Very dissatisfied	2.4%	3	
	DK/NA	3.6%	5	
6H. Safety of park facilities	Very satisfied	48.1%	71	
	Somewhat satisfied	31.7%	48	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	10.5%	15	
	Very dissatisfied	3.9%	6	
	DK/NA	5.8%	8	
6I. Patrol of neighborhood parks by park rangers	Very satisfied	33.5%	49	
	Somewhat satisfied	32.9%	48	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	2.0%	3	
	Very dissatisfied	3.9%	6	
	DK/NA	27.9%	41	
6J. Access to greenbelt hiking trails	Very satisfied	47.8%	70	
	Somewhat satisfied	20.2%	30	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	1.7%	2	
	Very dissatisfied	0.0%	0	
	DK/NA	30.3%	45	
6K. Maintenance of park restrooms	Very satisfied	25.4%	37	
	Somewhat satisfied	39.6%	58	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	10.0%	15	
	Very dissatisfied	6.4%	9	
	DK/NA	18.5%	27	



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		%	N=	Mean
6L. Louden Nelson Community Center	Very satisfied	34.2%	50	
	Somewhat satisfied	17.0%	25	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	3.4%	5	
	Very dissatisfied	2.2%	3	
	DK/NA	43.2%	63	

**PARK & RECREATION SATISFACTION – RANKED BY MEAN SCORE**

	%	N=	Mean
6J. Access to greenbelt hiking trails			1.84
6D. Availability of local recreation facilities			1.43
6G. Maintenance of city beaches			1.37
6L. Louden Nelson Community Center			1.36
6A. Maintenance of local recreation facilities			1.30
6B. Safety of city beaches			1.28
6F. Civic Auditorium			1.27
6I. Patrol of neighborhood parks by park rangers			1.24
6E. Facilities at neighborhood parks			1.24
6H. Safety of park facilities			1.16
6K. Maintenance of park restrooms			.83
6C. Park lighting			.80

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		%	N=	Mean
7. Do you think the City should continue to subsidize the DeLaveaga Golf Course as a municipal golf course, or do you think the City should lease the course to a private golf management company?	Continue to subsidize as a municipal course	47.3%	144	
	Lease the course to a private golf management company	25.7%	78	
	Mixed opinions	9.3%	28	
	DK/NA	17.7%	54	
8. Currently the large Harvey West Swimming Pool is opened 10 weeks of the year. Do you think the current pool schedule is adequate for you and your family's use, or should it be opened year round?	Current pool schedule is adequate	26.7%	81	
	Should be opened year round	50.9%	155	
	Mixed opinions	8.1%	25	
	DK/NA	14.3%	44	
9. Do you think that City of Santa Cruz Parks should be locked at night?	Yes	38.0%	116	
	No	48.4%	147	
	Mixed opinions	9.8%	29	
	DK/NA	4.0%	12	





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## IMPORTANCE OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

		%	N=	Mean
10A. Tennis	Very important	30.5%	93	
	Somewhat important	31.1%	95	
	Not important	37.7%	115	
	DK/NA	.7%	2	
10B. Basketball	Very important	39.2%	119	
	Somewhat important	29.5%	81	
	Not important	34.0%	103	
	DK/NA	.3%	1	
10C. Softball or baseball	Very important	33.4%	101	
	Somewhat important	30.8%	94	
	Not important	34.8%	108	
	DK/NA	1.0%	3	
10D. Road cycling	Very important	51.1%	155	
	Somewhat important	20.1%	61	
	Not important	27.6%	84	
	DK/NA	1.2%	4	
10E. Soccer	Very important	39.1%	119	
	Somewhat important	25.7%	78	
	Not important	34.5%	105	
	DK/NA	.7%	2	
10F. Football	Very important	22.4%	68	
	Somewhat important	22.4%	68	
	Not important	54.1%	164	
	DK/NA	1.0%	3	
10G. Swimming	Very important	65.5%	199	
	Somewhat important	23.0%	70	
	Not important	11.5%	35	
	DK/NA	0.0%	0	
10H. Walking, hiking or jogging	Very important	84.8%	258	
	Somewhat important	12.5%	38	
	Not important	2.7%	8	
	DK/NA	0.0%	0	
10I. Mountain biking	Very important	45.9%	140	
	Somewhat important	26.7%	81	
	Not important	27.2%	83	
	DK/NA	.3%	1	
10J. Skateboarding	Very important	30.8%	94	
	Somewhat important	24.4%	74	
	Not important	44.1%	134	
	DK/NA	.7%	2	
10K. Surfing	Very important	51.8%	158	
	Somewhat important	22.6%	69	
	Not important	25.2%	77	
	DK/NA	.3%	1	
10L. Golf	Very important	18.5%	50	
	Somewhat important	28.1%	86	
	Not important	54.0%	166	
	DK/NA	.7%	2	
10M. Beach volleyball	Very important	35.4%	108	
	Somewhat important	28.8%	87	
	Not important	35.5%	108	
	DK/NA	.3%	1	

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		%	N=	Mean
10N. Pickleball	Very important	8.1%	25	
	Somewhat important	10.4%	32	
	Not important	58.3%	177	
	DK/NA	23.2%	70	

## IMPORTANCE OF REC ACTIVITIES – RANKED BY MEAN SCORE

	%	N=	Mean
10H. Walking, hiking or jogging			1.82
10G. Swimming			1.54
10K. Surfing			1.27
10D. Road cycling			1.24
10I. Mountain biking			1.19
10B. Basketball			1.05
10E. Soccer			1.05
10M. Beach volleyball			1.00
10C. Softball or baseball			.99
10A. Tennis			.93
10J. Skateboarding			.87
10F. Football			.88
10L. Golf			.62
10N. Pickleball			.35



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**IMPORTANCE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

		%	N=	Mean
11A. Gymnasium	Very important	47.4%	144	
	Somewhat important	31.2%	95	
	Not important	19.7%	60	
	DK/NA	1.8%	5	
11B. City beaches	Very important	90.8%	276	
	Somewhat important	8.6%	26	
	Not important	.8%	2	
	DK/NA	0.0%	0	
11C. Tennis courts	Very important	38.5%	117	
	Somewhat important	29.8%	90	
	Not important	31.3%	95	
	DK/NA	.5%	1	
11D. Golf course	Very important	25.4%	77	
	Somewhat important	23.4%	71	
	Not important	51.2%	156	
	DK/NA	0.0%	0	
11E. Skate parks	Very important	43.0%	131	
	Somewhat important	24.3%	74	
	Not important	32.1%	98	
	DK/NA	.7%	2	
11F. Swimming pool	Very important	67.7%	206	
	Somewhat important	21.4%	65	
	Not important	10.5%	32	
	DK/NA	.5%	1	
11G. Outdoor sports fields	Very important	61.9%	188	
	Somewhat important	29.0%	88	
	Not important	9.1%	28	
	DK/NA	0.0%	0	
11H. Open space parks	Very important	83.2%	253	
	Somewhat important	14.5%	44	
	Not important	2.3%	7	
	DK/NA	0.0%	0	
11I. Civic auditorium	Very important	61.6%	187	
	Somewhat important	25.6%	78	
	Not important	10.5%	32	
	DK/NA	2.3%	7	
11J. Reservable picnic areas or Harvey West Clubhouse	Very important	50.9%	155	
	Somewhat important	27.3%	83	
	Not important	19.3%	59	
	DK/NA	2.5%	8	
11K. Trails	Very important	83.5%	254	
	Somewhat important	13.2%	40	
	Not important	3.4%	10	
	DK/NA	0.0%	0	
11L. Children's play areas	Very important	70.8%	215	
	Somewhat important	13.4%	41	
	Not important	15.5%	47	
	DK/NA	.2%	1	
11M. Senior center	Very important	58.5%	178	
	Somewhat important	16.7%	51	
	Not important	23.5%	71	
	DK/NA	1.3%	4	

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		%	N=	Mean
11N. Teen center	Very important	53.4%	162	
	Somewhat important	20.4%	62	
	Not important	25.8%	78	
	DK/NA	.7%	2	
11O. Louden Nelson Community Center	Very important	52.3%	159	
	Somewhat important	21.3%	65	
	Not important	16.4%	50	
	DK/NA	10.0%	30	
11P. Dog parks	Very important	55.3%	168	
	Somewhat important	23.2%	71	
	Not important	20.9%	64	
	DK/NA	.8%	2	
11Q. Community gardens	Very important	55.0%	167	
	Somewhat important	29.1%	89	
	Not important	15.0%	46	
	DK/NA	.9%	3	
11R. Bike park or pump track	Very important	43.8%	133	
	Somewhat important	24.5%	75	
	Not important	26.9%	82	
	DK/NA	5.0%	15	

**IMPORTANCE OF REC FACILITIES – RANKED BY MEAN SCORE**

	%	N=	Mean
11B. City beaches			1.90
11H. Open space parks			1.81
11K. Trails			1.80
11F. Swimming pool			1.57
11L. Children's play areas			1.55
11G. Outdoor sports fields			1.53
11I. Civic auditorium			1.52
11Q. Community gardens			1.40
11O. Louden Nelson Community Center			1.40
11M. Senior center			1.35
11P. Dog parks			1.35
11J. Reservable picnic areas or Harvey West Clubhouse			1.32
11A. Gymnasium			1.28
11N. Teen center			1.28
11R. Bike park or pump track			1.18
11E. Skate parks			1.11
11C. Tennis courts			1.07
11D. Golf course			.74



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## BALLOT TEST (Likely Voter Weighting)

		%	N=	Mean
12. To maintain and improve the quality of life in the City of Santa Cruz by • Maintaining parks, beaches and recreation facilities; • Maintaining and enhancing recreation programs, including youth, adult and senior programs; and, • Providing additional park rangers to patrol parks and beaches; would you be willing to contribute financially to support these programs and facilities?	Definitely yes	41.3%		
	Probably yes	38.8%		
	Probably no	8.0%		
	Definitely no	5.5%		
	DK/NA	8.4%		
	Total Yes	78.1%		
	Total No	13.5%		

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## DEMOGRAPHICS

		%	N=	Mean
A. Respondent's Gender	Male	49.9%	152	
	Female	50.1%	152	
B. Do any children under the age of 18 live in your household?	Yes	28.0%	85	
	No	72.0%	219	
	DK/NA	0.0%	0	
C. Including yourself, if applicable, how many adults ages 65 and over live in your household?	None	73.8%	224	
	One	11.6%	35	
	Two	11.8%	35	
	Three or more	2.9%	9	
	DK/NA	0.0%	0	
D. Age	18-29	37.8%	115	
	30-39	15.3%	47	
	40-49	13.9%	42	
	50-64	20.4%	62	
	65+	12.5%	38	
	Not coded	0.0%	0	
E. Ethnic Surname	Japanese	2.4%	7	
	Chinese	3.2%	10	
	Hispanic	19.4%	59	
	Jewish	2.1%	6	
	Armenian	0.0%	0	
	Vietnamese	0.0%	0	
	Italian	1.3%	4	
	Korean	1.2%	4	
	Not Coded	70.4%	214	
F. Homeownership Status	Owner	42.8%	129	
	Renter	57.4%	175	
G. Party	Democrat	60.5%	184	
	Republican	8.9%	27	
	Other	6.8%	20	
	DTS	24.1%	73	
H. Household Party Type	Dem 1	42.1%	128	
	Dem 2+	12.8%	39	
	Rep 1	4.0%	12	
	Rep 2+	3.0%	9	
	Other 1	24.0%	73	
	Other 2+	2.4%	7	
	Dem & Rep	2.8%	8	
	Dem & Other	8.2%	25	
	Rep & Other	1.0%	3	
	Dem, Rep & Other	0.0%	0	
I. Registration Date	2013 to 2014	9.8%	29	
	2009 to 2012	51.0%	155	
	2005 to 2008	15.7%	48	
	2001 to 2004	3.2%	10	
	1997 to 2000	5.1%	16	
	1993 to 1996	3.8%	12	
	1981 to 1992	8.8%	27	
1980 or before	2.8%	9		
Not coded	0.0%	0		





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		%	N=	Mean
<b>K. Times Voted in Last Elections</b>	0	6.4%	19	
	1	20.4%	62	
	2	12.7%	39	
	3	8.0%	24	
	4	9.7%	30	
	5	5.1%	16	
	6	5.3%	16	
	7	6.9%	21	
	8	2.4%	7	
	9	5.0%	15	
	10	9.3%	28	
	11	8.7%	26	
<b>L. Absentee Voter</b>	0	52.5%	160	
	1	20.2%	61	
	2	5.6%	17	
	3	4.4%	13	
	4	2.5%	8	
	5	1.8%	6	
	6	.8%	2	
	7	2.4%	7	
	8	.8%	2	
	9	2.1%	6	
	10	3.3%	10	
	11	3.5%	11	
<b>M. Permanent Absentee Voter</b>	Yes	39.7%	121	
	No	60.3%	183	
<b>N. Likely Absentee Voter</b>	Yes	26.5%	81	
	No	73.5%	223	



**B. GODBE COMMUNITY ONLINE SURVEY 2016**



**CITY OF SANTA CRUZ**  
2016 Park & Recreation Survey  
Topline Report  
n=314  
Voter & Non-Voter Sample  
  
October 18, 2016

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**METHODOLOGY**

**Sample Universe:**  
- 53,367 Adults 18+ (Voters+Non-Voters)

**Sample Size:**  
- n=314

**Data Collection:** Online Interviewing from email invitation

**Margin of Error:**  
- ± 5.51%

**Interview Dates:** September 29 to October 12, 2016

**OVERALL SATISFACTION & PARK USAGE**

		Total		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
1. In general, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the overall quality of life in Santa Cruz?	Very satisfied	23.8%	75	72.3%
	Somewhat satisfied	48.6%	152	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	20.8%	65	
	Very dissatisfied	6.8%	21	27.6%
	Not sure	0.0%	0	
2. Do you or a member of your household participate in any fitness, athletic or sports activities?	Yes	89.5%	281	
	No	8.8%	28	
	Not sure	1.7%	5	
3. What fitness, athletic or sports activities do you or a member of your household participate in?	Hiking or walking, outside only	76.9%	216	
	Swimming in the ocean	33.4%	94	
	Running, track, and field	30.3%	85	
	Swimming in public pools	29.8%	84	
	Yoga	29.2%	82	
	Road biking	29.0%	81	
	Mountain biking	26.6%	75	
	Surfing	25.2%	71	
	Soccer	18.7%	53	
	Boating or sailing	17.6%	49	
	Basketball	14.2%	40	
	Dance	12.6%	35	
	Golfing	12.5%	35	
	Kayaking	11.4%	32	
	Tennis	7.5%	21	
	Martial arts	7.3%	20	
	Gymnastics	7.2%	20	
	Volleyball	6.7%	19	
	Baseball	5.8%	16	
	Softball	5.5%	15	
	Football	3.6%	10	
	T-ball	1.9%	5	
	Other	33.1%	93	
Not sure	0.0%	0		



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		Total		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
4. In the past 12 months, how frequently did you or a member of your household visit or use a park, trails, or recreation facilities in Santa Cruz?	A few times a week	48.2%	151	
	Once a week	11.6%	36	
	A few times a month	18.6%	59	
	Once a month	6.4%	20	
	A few times a year	11.9%	37	
	Once a year	0.0%	0	
	Less than once a year	0.8%	2	
	Not sure	2.5%	8	
	5. In the past 12 months, what type of facilities in Santa Cruz have you or a member of your household visited or used?	Beaches	82.7%	260
Walking and hiking trails		80.5%	253	
Parks		75.6%	237	
Bike paths or lanes		46.2%	145	
Picnic areas		32.2%	101	
Sports/fitness club		30.3%	95	
Swimming facilities		26.0%	82	
Mountain bike trails		23.9%	75	
Ballfields and courts		16.1%	51	
Golf course		15.0%	47	
Skatepark		13.1%	41	
Disc golf		11.6%	37	
Bike park/pump track		9.4%	29	
Pickleball Court		0.7%	2	
None		3.3%	10	
No, have not visited		0.0%	0	
Other		6.6%	21	
DK/NA	0.0%	0		



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**PARK & RECREATION SATISFACTION & PREFERENCES**

		Total		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
6A. Maintenance of local recreation facilities	Very Satisfied	16.2%	51	62.0%
	Somewhat Satisfied	45.8%	144	
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	10.7%	34	
	Very Dissatisfied	4.9%	15	
	Not Sure	22.5%	71	
6B. Safety of city beaches	Very Satisfied	24.8%	78	65.5%
	Somewhat Satisfied	40.7%	128	
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	20.7%	65	
	Very Dissatisfied	6.7%	21	
	Not Sure	7.1%	22	
6C. Park lighting	Very Satisfied	9.2%	29	50.6%
	Somewhat Satisfied	41.3%	130	
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	20.3%	64	
	Very Dissatisfied	3.1%	10	
	Not Sure	26.0%	82	
6D. Availability of local recreation facilities	Very Satisfied	27.4%	86	72.5%
	Somewhat Satisfied	45.1%	142	
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	11.0%	35	
	Very Dissatisfied	2.8%	9	
	Not Sure	13.7%	43	
6E. Facilities at neighborhood parks	Very Satisfied	18.6%	58	66.2%
	Somewhat Satisfied	47.6%	149	
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	10.6%	33	
	Very Dissatisfied	7.6%	24	
	Not Sure	15.7%	49	
6F. Maintenance of city beaches	Very Satisfied	18.0%	57	58.4%
	Somewhat Satisfied	40.4%	127	
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	24.9%	78	
	Very Dissatisfied	8.3%	26	
	Not Sure	8.4%	26	
6G. Safety of park facilities	Very Satisfied	14.9%	47	52.5%
	Somewhat Satisfied	37.6%	118	
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	23.8%	75	
	Very Dissatisfied	11.6%	37	
	Not Sure	12.0%	38	
6H. Patrol of neighborhood parks by park rangers	Very Satisfied	18.9%	59	44.9%
	Somewhat Satisfied	26.0%	82	
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	23.7%	74	
	Very Dissatisfied	11.2%	35	
	Not Sure	20.3%	64	



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## PARK & RECREATION SATISFACTION & PREFERENCES

		Total		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
6I. Access to greenbelt hiking trails	Very Satisfied	33.5%	105	70.3%
	Somewhat Satisfied	36.8%	115	
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	2.8%	9	
	Very Dissatisfied	2.3%	7	
	Not Sure	24.6%	77	
6J. Maintenance of park restrooms	Very Satisfied	7.1%	22	42.3%
	Somewhat Satisfied	35.2%	110	
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	25.4%	80	
	Very Dissatisfied	14.3%	45	
	Not Sure	18.0%	57	
6K. Providing mountain bike trails	Very Satisfied	18.1%	57	44.4%
	Somewhat Satisfied	26.3%	82	
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	5.6%	18	
	Very Dissatisfied	1.3%	4	
	Not Sure	48.7%	153	

## PARK & REC SATISFACTION & PREFERENCES – RANKED BY MEAN

	Total		
	Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
6I. Access to greenbelt hiking trails			1.28
6K. Providing mountain bike trails			1.06
6D. Availability of local recreation facilities			0.97
6A. Maintenance of local recreation facilities			0.75
6E. Facilities at neighborhood parks			0.70
6B. Safety of city beaches			0.60
6C. Park lighting			0.45
6F. Maintenance of city beaches			0.38
6G. Safety of park facilities			0.23
6H. Patrol of neighborhood parks by park rangers			0.22
6J. Maintenance of park restrooms			-0.06



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**IMPORTANCE OF REC ACTIVITIES & FREQUENCY**

		Total		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
7A. Tennis	Very Important	11.1%	35	40.7%
	Somewhat Important	29.6%	93	
	Not Important	51.5%	162	
	Not Sure	7.8%	24	
7B. Basketball	Very Important	20.6%	65	42.8%
	Somewhat Important	22.2%	70	
	Not Important	49.4%	155	
	Not Sure	7.8%	24	
7C. Softball or baseball	Very Important	15.6%	49	40.6%
	Somewhat Important	25.0%	79	
	Not Important	54.3%	170	
	Not Sure	5.1%	16	
7D. Soccer	Very Important	27.1%	85	52.7%
	Somewhat Important	25.6%	80	
	Not Important	44.1%	139	
	Not Sure	3.2%	10	
7E. Football	Very Important	6.4%	20	17.0%
	Somewhat Important	10.6%	33	
	Not Important	75.1%	236	
	Not Sure	7.9%	25	
7F. Walking, hiking or jogging	Very Important	80.3%	252	99.4%
	Somewhat Important	19.1%	60	
	Not Important	0.6%	2	
	Not Sure	0.0%	0	
7G. Mountain biking	Very Important	28.3%	89	57.5%
	Somewhat Important	29.2%	92	
	Not Important	32.9%	103	
	Not Sure	9.6%	30	
7H. Pickleball	Very Important	2.1%	7	10.4%
	Somewhat Important	8.3%	26	
	Not Important	72.6%	228	
	Not Sure	17.0%	53	
7F. Walking, hiking or jogging				1.80
7G. Mountain biking				0.95
7D. Soccer				0.82
7B. Basketball				0.69
7C. Softball or baseball				0.59
7A. Tennis				0.56
7E. Football				0.25
7H. Pickleball				0.15



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		Total		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
8A. Tennis courts	Very Important	15.5%	49	49.0%
	Somewhat Important	33.5%	105	
	Not Important	45.3%	142	
	Not Sure	5.7%	18	
8B. Paved multi-use trails at Westcliff, Santa Cruz Riverwalk, and Arana Gulch	Very Important	75.2%	236	95.5%
	Somewhat Important	20.3%	64	
	Not Important	2.8%	9	
	Not Sure	1.6%	5	
8C. Outdoor sports fields	Very Important	42.5%	133	79.2%
	Somewhat Important	36.6%	115	
	Not Important	18.0%	56	
	Not Sure	2.9%	9	
8D. Undisturbed open space parks	Very Important	58.9%	185	96.0%
	Somewhat Important	37.2%	117	
	Not Important	2.9%	9	
	Not Sure	1.1%	3	
8E. Fenced off leash dog parks	Very Important	36.9%	116	68.2%
	Somewhat Important	31.3%	98	
	Not Important	29.3%	92	
	Not Sure	2.5%	8	
8F. Pickleball courts	Very Important	3.1%	10	12.1%
	Somewhat Important	9.0%	28	
	Not Important	70.2%	220	
	Not Sure	17.7%	56	
8G. Unpaved walking, hiking, jogging, mountain bike, and horseback riding trails	Very Important	69.2%	217	94.0%
	Somewhat Important	24.8%	78	
	Not Important	4.2%	13	
	Not Sure	1.8%	6	
8H. Children's play areas	Very Important	52.4%	164	80.9%
	Somewhat Important	28.5%	90	
	Not Important	17.3%	54	
	Not Sure	1.8%	6	
8I. Unfenced off leash dog parks	Very Important	28.0%	88	52.6%
	Somewhat Important	24.6%	77	
	Not Important	42.0%	132	
	Not Sure	5.5%	17	
8J. Community gardens	Very Important	46.5%	146	76.9%
	Somewhat Important	30.4%	95	
	Not Important	18.4%	58	
	Not Sure	4.7%	15	
8K. Mountain bike trails	Very Important	37.4%	117	71.4%
	Somewhat Important	34.0%	107	
	Not Important	24.4%	77	
	Not Sure	4.3%	13	





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	Total		
	Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
8L. Open space parks with park amenities	Very Important	68.1%	214
	Somewhat Important	30.3%	95
	Not Important	0.5%	2
	Not Sure	1.1%	4
8B. Paved multi-use trails at Westcliff, Santa Cruz Riverwalk, and Arana Gulch			1.74
8L. Open space parks with park amenities			1.68
8G. Unpaved walking, hiking, jogging, mountain bike, and horseback riding trails			1.66
8D. Undisturbed open space parks			1.57
8H. Children's play areas			1.36
8J. Community gardens			1.29
8C. Outdoor sports fields			1.25
8K. Mountain bike trails			1.14
8E. Fenced off leash dog parks			1.08
8I. Unfenced off leash dog parks			0.85
8A. Tennis courts			0.68
8F. Pickleball courts			0.18

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## PARK PLANNING PREFERENCES

		Total		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
Q9. Do you think the City should restripe existing tennis courts to accommodate both pickleball and tennis?	Yes	21.1%	66	
	No	25.9%	81	
	Not sure	53.0%	166	
Q10. Should the City of Santa Cruz increase the number of sports fields to accommodate additional programs for baseball, soccer, field hockey, and other field sports?	Yes	52.8%	166	
	No	18.2%	57	
	Not sure	28.9%	91	
Q11. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose building sports fields, trails, playgrounds, and other park amenities in the City's greenbelts?	Strongly favor	28.6%	90	52.3%
	Somewhat favor	23.7%	74	
	Somewhat oppose	21.4%	67	
	Strongly oppose	9.5%	30	
	Not sure	16.8%	53	
Q12. Where should these new sports fields be built?	Use City owned land at Pogonip Open Space	21.2%	35	
	Buy unused industrial land on the west side of Santa Cruz	28.8%	47	
	Partner with the school district using school district land	22.9%	38	
	Other [Please specify:]	5.9%	10	
	Not sure	21.2%	35	
Q13. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose creating additional trails on the City owned greenbelt?	Strongly favor	34.4%	108	75.7%
	Somewhat favor	41.3%	130	
	Somewhat oppose	3.2%	10	
	Strongly oppose	2.6%	8	
	Not sure	18.5%	58	
Q14. What kind of trails would you like to see created on the City-owned greenbelt?	Mountain biking only trails	3.6%	9	
	Hiking only trails	26.1%	62	
	Horseback riding only trails	0.5%	1	
	Downhill mountain biking only trail to separate mountain bikers from hikers	11.1%	26	
	Downhill trails for mountain bikers only which include more features and obstacles such as pumps, berms, and jumps	0.1%	0	
	Multi-use trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding	49.2%	117	
	Other	1.0%	2	
	Not sure	8.4%	20	



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		Total		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
15A. Restrooms	Strongly Favor	49.0%	154	74.5%
	Somewhat Favor	25.5%	80	
	Somewhat Oppose	8.0%	25	
	Strongly Oppose	8.3%	26	
	Not Sure	9.2%	29	
15B. Parcourse	Strongly Favor	18.2%	57	29.3%
	Somewhat Favor	11.1%	35	
	Somewhat Oppose	11.7%	37	
	Strongly Oppose	19.9%	63	
	Not Sure	39.0%	123	
15C. Picnic tables	Strongly Favor	25.5%	80	62.0%
	Somewhat Favor	36.4%	114	
	Somewhat Oppose	13.8%	43	
	Strongly Oppose	9.5%	30	
	Not Sure	14.8%	46	
15D. Bike parking	Strongly Favor	35.3%	111	76.8%
	Somewhat Favor	41.4%	130	
	Somewhat Oppose	7.6%	24	
	Strongly Oppose	4.8%	15	
	Not Sure	10.9%	34	
15E. Interpretive signs and public artwork	Strongly Favor	33.5%	105	68.6%
	Somewhat Favor	35.1%	110	
	Somewhat Oppose	9.3%	29	
	Strongly Oppose	11.3%	35	
	Not Sure	10.8%	34	
15A. Restrooms				1.09
15D. Bike parking				1.07
15E. Interpretive signs and public artwork				0.79
15C. Picnic tables				0.64
15B. Parcourse				-0.07



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		Total		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
16A. Keeping San Lorenzo Park as it currently is	Strongly Favor	1.4%	4	16.3%
	Somewhat Favor	14.9%	47	
	Somewhat Oppose	25.5%	80	
	Strongly Oppose	34.0%	107	
	Not Sure	24.2%	76	
16B. Hosting more events and programs	Strongly Favor	43.0%	135	76.3%
	Somewhat Favor	33.4%	105	
	Somewhat Oppose	4.3%	13	
	Strongly Oppose	2.0%	6	
	Not Sure	17.3%	54	
16C. Expanding recreational facilities and activities	Strongly Favor	32.0%	100	69.3%
	Somewhat Favor	37.3%	117	
	Somewhat Oppose	7.3%	23	
	Strongly Oppose	2.8%	9	
	Not Sure	20.6%	65	
16D. Adding parking	Strongly Favor	20.9%	66	47.5%
	Somewhat Favor	26.6%	84	
	Somewhat Oppose	15.1%	47	
	Strongly Oppose	14.5%	46	
	Not Sure	22.8%	72	
16E. Creating a foodtruck food court	Strongly Favor	31.5%	99	67.6%
	Somewhat Favor	36.1%	113	
	Somewhat Oppose	10.5%	33	
	Strongly Oppose	3.3%	10	
	Not Sure	18.6%	59	
16F. Creating larger playground with more variety of features for kids	Strongly Favor	34.3%	108	65.4%
	Somewhat Favor	31.1%	98	
	Somewhat Oppose	9.2%	29	
	Strongly Oppose	4.5%	14	
	Not Sure	20.9%	66	
16G. Creating an urban park environment with architectural design features, plazas and art	Strongly Favor	29.9%	94	54.7%
	Somewhat Favor	24.8%	78	
	Somewhat Oppose	14.1%	44	
	Strongly Oppose	9.6%	30	
	Not Sure	21.6%	68	
16B. Hosting more events and programs				1.34
16C. Expanding recreational facilities and activities				1.11
16F. Creating larger playground with more variety of features for kids				1.03
16E. Creating a foodtruck food court				1.01
16G. Creating an urban park environment with architectural design features, plazas and art				0.65
16D. Adding parking				0.31
16A. Keeping San Lorenzo Park as it currently is				-1.00



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		Total		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
Q17. Would you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose river access and paddling the San Lorenzo River?	Strongly favor	34.6%	109	62.9%
	Somewhat favor	28.2%	89	
	Somewhat oppose	12.2%	38	
	Strongly oppose	10.0%	31	
	Not sure	14.9%	47	
Q18. Should the City provide restrooms in neighborhood parks?	Yes	79.1%	248	
	No	7.2%	23	
	Not sure	13.7%	43	
Q19. Do you have sufficient off-leash dog exercise areas near your neighborhood?	Yes	42.2%	133	
	No	21.6%	68	
	Not sure	36.2%	114	
Q20. Do you think that the City of Santa Cruz Parks should be fenced and locked at night?	Yes	29.0%	91	
	No	24.7%	78	
	Mixed opinions	42.1%	132	
	Not sure	4.1%	13	
Q21. To maintain and improve the quality of life in the City of Santa Cruz by • Maintaining parks, beaches and recreation facilities; • Maintaining and enhancing recreation programs, including youth, adult and senior programs; and, • Providing additional park rangers to patrol parks and beaches; would you be willing to contribute financially to support these programs and facilities?	Definitely yes	33.2%	104	
	Probably yes	47.0%	147	
	Probably no	5.8%	18	
	Definitely no	4.6%	14	
	Not sure	9.4%	30	
	Total Yes	80.2%		
	Total No	10.3%		



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## DEMOGRAPHICS

		Total		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
QA. Do any children under the age of 18 live in your household?	Yes	32.9%	103	
	No	67.0%	210	
	Not sure	0.0%	0	
QB. Please specify your gender.	Male	46.4%	146	
	Female	52.1%	164	
	Other	1.5%	5	
QC. What is your age?	18-29 years	37.9%	119	
	30-39 years	14.2%	44	
	40-49 years	14.2%	45	
	50-64 years	22.1%	70	
	65+ years	10.9%	34	
	Refused	0.7%	2	
QD. Do you live East or West of the San Lorenzo River?	East	36.5%	115	
	West	55.7%	175	
	Not Sure	7.8%	25	
QE. Do you live North or South of Water Street, or North or South of the portion of Soquel Avenue East of Morrissey Boulevard?	North	38.5%	44	
	South	51.9%	60	
	Not Sure	9.6%	11	
QF. Do you live North or South of Mission Street?	North	44.1%	77	
	South	55.0%	96	
	Not Sure	0.9%	2	
QG. What ethnic group do you consider yourself a part of or feel closest to?	African-American or Black	0.0%	0	
	American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5%	1	
	Asian	7.0%	22	
	Caucasian or White	64.0%	201	
	Hispanic or Latino	20.1%	63	
	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.3%	1	
QH. Neighborhood:	Two or more races	6.2%	19	
	Some other race	2.0%	6	
	West Side-North of Mission Street	27.9%	77	
	Westside-South of Mission Street	34.7%	96	
	East side-North of Water Street and Soquel Ave	16.0%	44	
East side-South of Water Street and Soquel Avenue	21.5%	60		
I. Age		see QC		



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		Total		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
J. Ethnic Surname	Japanese	0.8%	2	
	Chinese	0.9%	3	
	Hispanic	16.2%	48	
	Jewish	6.9%	20	
	Armenian	0.0%	0	
	Vietnamese	0.0%	0	
	Italian	4.1%	12	
	Korean	0.0%	0	
	African American	0.0%	0	
	Not Coded	71.3%	211	
K. Homeownership Status	Owner	36.3%	108	
	Renter	63.7%	188	
L. Party	Democrat	65.1%	193	
	Republican	9.2%	27	
	Other	4.4%	13	
	DTS	21.2%	63	
M. Household Party Type	Dem 1	44.5%	132	
	Dem 2+	15.0%	45	
	Rep 1	4.6%	14	
	Rep 2+	2.5%	8	
	Other 1	17.1%	51	
	Other 2+	4.2%	12	
	Dem & Rep	2.3%	7	
	Dem & Other	8.1%	24	
	Rep & Other	1.1%	3	
	Dem, Rep & Other	0.4%	1	
N. Registration Date	2013 to 2016	67.6%	200	
	2009 to 2012	11.0%	32	
	2005 to 2008	4.4%	13	
	2001 to 2004	5.2%	15	
	1997 to 2000	3.6%	11	
	1993 to 1996	1.8%	5	
	1981 to 1992	2.9%	8	
	1980 or before	3.5%	10	
	Not Coded	0.0%	0	
O. Voting History	see detailed crosstabs			



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		Total		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
<b>P. Times Voted in Last Elections</b>	0	12.1%	36	
	1	27.6%	82	
	2	7.4%	22	
	3	2.2%	7	
	4	4.3%	13	
	5	5.6%	17	
	6	4.9%	14	
	7	4.6%	14	
	8	3.0%	9	
	9	5.6%	16	
	10	5.0%	15	
	11	4.0%	12	
	12	5.1%	15	
	13	8.3%	25	
	14	0.3%	1	
<b>Q. Absentee Voter</b>	0	45.1%	134	
	1	24.2%	72	
	2	5.3%	16	
	3	3.5%	10	
	4	5.5%	16	
	5	2.0%	6	
	6	2.7%	8	
	7	0.9%	3	
	8	1.2%	4	
	9	0.1%	0	
	10	1.8%	5	
	11	0.7%	2	
	12	2.3%	7	
	13	4.8%	14	
<b>R. Permanent Absentee Voter</b>	Yes	53.0%	157	
	No	47.0%	139	
<b>S. Likely Absentee Voter</b>	Yes	29.1%	86	
	No	70.9%	210	





## APPENDIX 5.3: COMMUNITY MEETING MATERIALS


Included here are the following materials related to the community meetings held during the outreach component of the process:

- Marketing flyer
- Meeting handouts in English and Spanish
- Exhibit boards that provided information and room for feedback during the meetings

### A. MARKETING FLYER

**Share your ideas for improving the  
City of Santa Cruz Parks System!!!**

*2030 City of Santa Cruz Parks, Recreation Facilities, and Open Space Master Plan*  
**OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS**



The City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Department is hosting two open houses to collect public input on how to improve the City's parks, recreation facilities, beaches, and open spaces. Your input will help guide the development of a citywide Parks Master Plan, a plan for future park activities and improvements. Please come join us at one of the open houses:


Wednesday, March 25, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

OR

Sunday, March 29, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

AT

Louden Nelson Community Center, Room 3  
301 Center Street, Santa Cruz





B. MEETING HANDOUTS - ENGLISH

Community Meeting Open House Instructions

Welcome and thanks for coming out to help shape the future of Santa Cruz's Parks System!

The City of Santa Cruz is creating a city-wide Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan to help guide future park and facility planning. This meeting is a time to share your ideas and observations for park and facility improvements to help guide the development of the plan. Please let a representative from the City or the planning consultant, RHAA, know if you have any questions.

Follow These Easy Steps

1. Sign-in & Pick up a Pen and Sticky Notes

2. Visit the 12 stations & Provide Feedback

- Boards can be visited in any order. There are two identical sets of the Feedback Stations, so choose the left or right side. Put sticky notes on the Feedback Station boards to provide comments about specific parks, facilities, and other elements of the Parks System. See back side of this hand-out for questions to consider for feedback.

4 INFORMATIONAL STATIONS

- Local Demographic & National Recreation Trends
Park Amenities Table
Phone Survey Results
Existing Park Coverage Map

8 FEEDBACK STATIONS

- Open Space & Trails
Community Parks
Neighborhood Parks - West Zone
Neighborhood Parks - Central Zone
Neighborhood Parks - East Zone
Facilities
Beaches & Waterfront
General Comments

3. Complete the City-Wide Questionnaire

- More detailed general feedback about the Parks System can be provided by completing this questionnaire.

4. Complete Park Specific Questionnaire

- More detailed feedback can be provided about the parks or recreational facilities you use regularly by completing this questionnaire. Complete one form per park.

Questions to Consider for Feedback Boards

PARK OR FACILITY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS (Boards 5 through 11)

- 1. If you could make improvements to this park/open space/facility, what would those improvements be?
2. Are there park elements or additional facilities you would like to see added to this park or facility?
3. Are there any features within this park/open space/facility that stand out (positive or negative)? Please describe.
4. Are there any park or facility features you would not want to see changed?
5. Are there any performances, shows, or activities you would like our facilities to accommodate?
6. Do the hours of operations and facility programming accommodate your needs?
7. Do you have any additional ideas for this park/open space/facility?

GENERAL QUESTIONS (Board 12 and Sidebar on Boards 5 through 11)

- 1. If you could make improvements to the overall Parks System or an element of the Parks System (i.e. open space and trails, community parks, etc.), what would those improvements be?
2. Are there any park amenities, facilities, or recreational opportunities you would like to see added? Where?
3. Are there any areas in the City that you feel are underserved?
4. Do you have any additional general ideas or suggestions?



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**C. MEETING HANDOUTS - ESPANOL**

**Instrucciones de la Reunión Comunitaria de Puertas Abiertas**

*Bienvenidos y gracias por venir para ayudar a formar el futuro del Sistema de Parques de la Ciudad de Santa Cruz!*

La Ciudad de Santa Cruz está creando un Plan Maestro de Parques y Facilidades Recreativas para guiar futuros mejoramientos de parques y facilidades. Esta reunión es un tiempo para compartir tus ideas y observaciones de los mejoramientos de parques y facilidades para guiar el desarrollo del plan. Por favor avise a un representante de la Ciudad o consultor planificador, RHAA, si tiene alguna pregunta.

**Siga Estos Pasos Sencillos**

**1. Registrarse & Recoja un Lapicero y Notas Adhesivas**

**2. Visite las 12 Estaciones & Proporcione sus Comentarios**

- ❖ Las tablas pueden ser visitadas en cualquier orden. Hay dos Estaciones de Comentarios, entonces elija uno de los dos. Ponga las notas adhesivas en una de las Estaciones de Comentarios para proveer comentarios específicos de los parques, facilidades, y otros elementos del Sistema de Parques.
- ❖ Vea detrás de este folleto preguntas a considerar para comentarios.

**4 ESTACIONES INFORMATIVAS**

1. Demografía Local & Tendencias de Recreación Nacionales
2. Mesa de Amenidades del Parque
3. Resultados de la Encuesta Telefónica
4. Mapa de Cobertura de Parques Existentes

**8 ESTACIONES DE COMENTARIOS**

1. Espacios Abiertos & Senderos
2. Parques de la Comunidad
3. Parques del Vecindario - Zona Oeste
4. Parques del Vecindario - Zona Central
5. Parques del Vecindario - Zona Este
6. Facilidades
7. Playas & Paseos Marítimos
8. Comentarios Generales

**3. Complete el Cuestionario de Toda la Ciudad**

- ❖ Mas comentarios detallados sobre el Sistema de Parques pueden ser proporcionados al completar el cuestionario.

**4. Complete el Cuestionario Específico de Parques**

- ❖ Mas comentarios detallados sobre parques y facilidades recreativas pueden ser proporcionados al completar el cuestionario. Complete una forma por parque.

**Preguntas a Considerar Para las Estaciones de Comentarios**

**PREGUNTAS ESPECÍFICAS DE PARQUES O FACILIDADES (Estaciones 5 a 11)**

1. ¿Si podrias hacer mejoramientos a este parque/espacio abierto/facilidad, que mejoramientos serian?
2. ¿Hay elementos del parque o facilidades adicionales que te gustaria que sean añadidas a este parque o facilidad?
3. ¿Hay características dentro del parque/espacio abierto/facilidad que sobresalgan (positiva o negativa)? Por favor describa.
4. ¿ Hay características del parque o facilidad que no te gustaria que cambien?
5. ¿Hay algunas actuaciones, espectáculos, o actividades que te gustaria que nuestras facilidades acomoden?
6. ¿Acomodan tus necesidades las horas de operación y programación de facilidades?
7. ¿Tienes ideas adicionales para este parque/espacio abierto/facilidad?

**PREGUNTAS GENERALES (Tabla 12 y Barra Lateral en Tablas 5 a 11)**

1. ¿Si podrias hacer mejoramientos generales al Sistema de Parques o a un elemento del Sistema de Parques (por ejemplo, espacios y caminos, parques comunitarios, etc.), que mejoramientos serian?
2. ¿Hay amenidades de parque, facilidades, o oportunidades recreativas que te gustaria que se añaden? ¿Dónde?
3. ¿Sientes que hay areas en la Ciudad que estan desatendidas?
4. ¿Tienes otras ideas o sugerencias?



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See appendix 5.5 for the public outreach questionnaires



## D. EXHIBIT BOARDS

### 1: Local Demographic & National Recreation Trends

**City of Santa Cruz Population: 62,864**  
Numbers based on 2013 U.S. Census Bureau estimate

#### Age Demographics & Trends

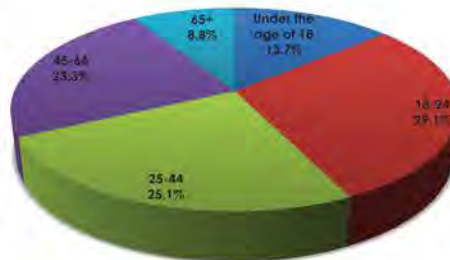
Numbers based on 2010 U.S. Census

**SENIORS:** Numbers to double from 2005 to 2020, increased need for facilities and programs

**BABY BOOMER GENERATION:** As they retire, they continue to be active, drawn to conservation and heritage causes

**ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS:** Creating new alternative recreation experiences, waiting longer to marry so more friend and group-oriented for longer than in past generations

**UNDER 18:** Becoming more sedentary and solitary because of technology, encourage outdoor recreation for social and health benefits



	<b>RECREATION TRENDS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>HEALTH, FITNESS, &amp; LIFE SPORTS</b> Life-Long Sports &amp; Recreation: Walking, Running, Biking, Swimming</li> <li><b>TEAM SPORTS</b> Increase in Soccer, Lacrosse, Field Hockey, and Rugby Decrease in Softball and Baseball</li> <li><b>ALTERNATIVE RECREATION</b> Extreme Sports and Adventure</li> </ul>
	<b>PROGRAMMING TRENDS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>GENERATIONAL PROGRAMMING</b> Targeted Programming for All Age Groups Multi-Generational Programming for Families to Enjoy Together</li> <li><b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS &amp; EDUCATION</b></li> <li><b>SPECIAL OUTDOOR EVENTS FACILITIES</b> Group Picnic Areas, Stage, or Amphitheater</li> <li><b>OUTDOOR EDUCATION</b> Activities with Learning or Educational Component</li> </ul>
	<b>GENERAL PARK TRENDS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ACCESS</b> Access to Recreation via Public Transportation &amp; Trails</li> </ul>

Resources: National Park & Recreation Association, California State Parks, Learning Resources Network, Outdoor Resources Review Group, Outdoor Industry Association, Recreation & Tourism Initiative, & Roper ASW





# APPENDIX 5.3: COMMUNITY MEETING MATERIALS

## 3: Phone Survey Results

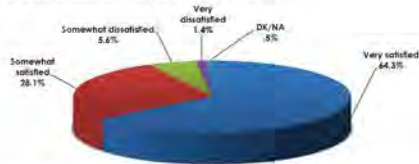
### SURVEY QUICK FACTS

**PURPOSE:** To gauge satisfaction and priorities for Parks & Recreation Services  
**METHOD:** 15-Minute Telephone Interview  
**NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS:** 304  
**INTERVIEW DATES:** January 6 to January 11, 2015

### SURVEY RESULTS OVERVIEW

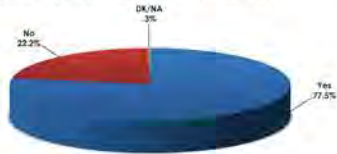
#### OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH QUALITY OF LIFE

92.4% Satisfied with Quality of Life in Santa Cruz



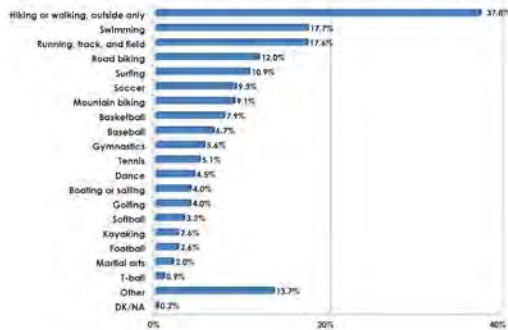
#### SPORT & FITNESS PARTICIPATION

77.5% Participate in Sports, Athletic or Fitness Activities



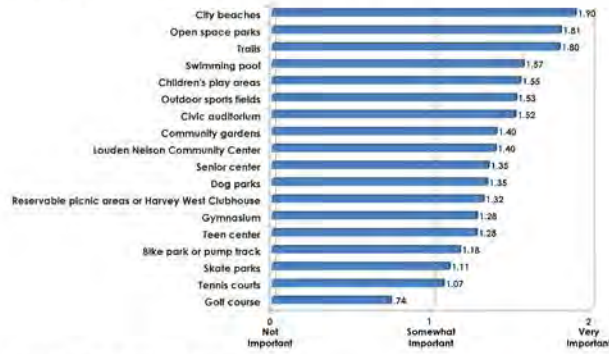
#### SPORT & FITNESS ACTIVITY PREFERENCES

37.8% of respondents mentioned Hiking or Walking as preferred activity



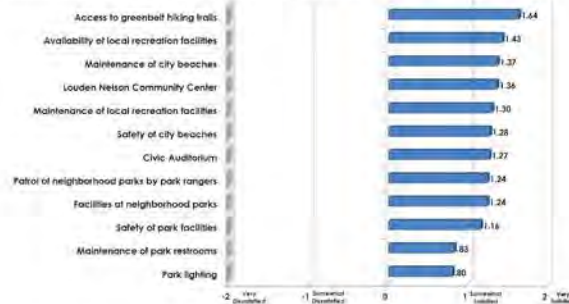
#### IMPORTANCE OF FACILITIES & SITES

Most important are City beaches, Open space parks, & Trails  
 Least important are Golf Courses



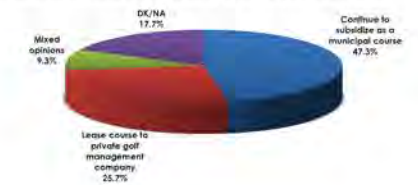
#### SATISFACTION WITH CITY SERVICES

Respondents at least somewhat satisfied with 10 of 12 services  
 Most satisfied with Access to greenbelt hiking trails  
 Least satisfied with Park lighting and Restroom maintenance



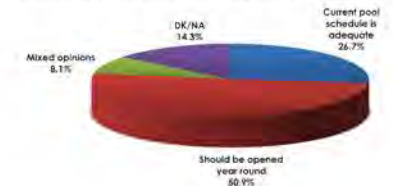
#### FUTURE OF DELAVEAGA GOLF COURSE

Preference to continue subsidizing as municipal course



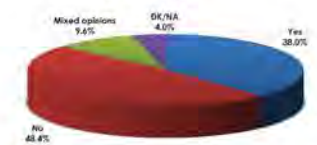
#### HARVEY WEST POOL SCHEDULE

Preference to have pool open year-round



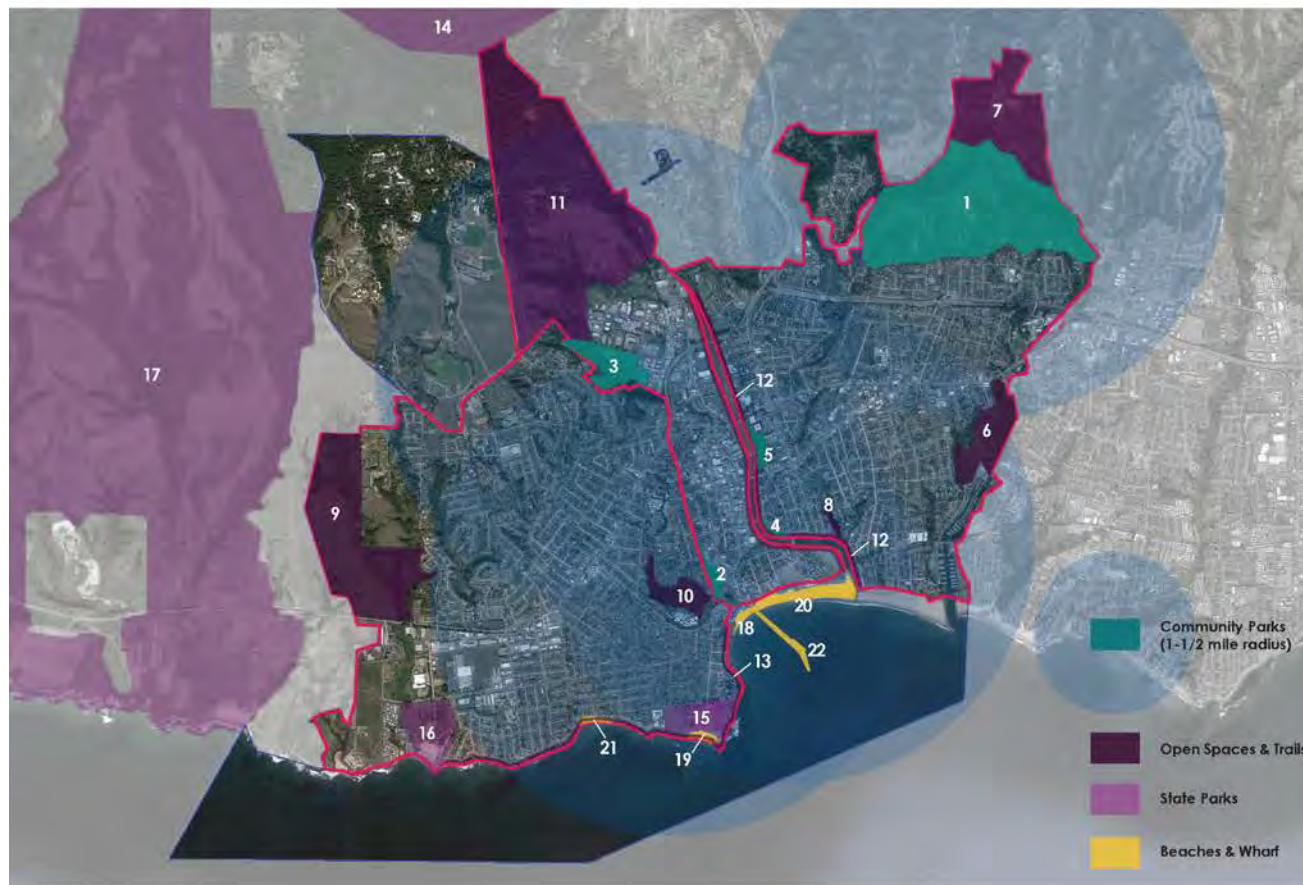
#### SHOULD CITY PARKS BE LOCKED AT NIGHT?

Preference to not lock parks at night





4: Existing Park Coverage Map



- COMMUNITY PARKS**
  - 1: DeLaveaga Park
  - 2: Depot Park, Fun Spot Bike Park, & Scott Kennedy Fields
  - 3: Harvey West Park
  - 4: Ken Womhoudl Skate Park at Mike Fox Park
  - 5: San Lorenzo Park
  
- OPEN SPACES & TRAILS**
  - 6: Arana Gulch Open Space
  - 7: DeLaveaga Park Wilderness Area
  - 8: Jessie Street Marsh
  - 9: Moore Creek Open Space Preserve
  - 10: Neary Lagoon
  - 11: Pogonip Open Space
  - 12: San Lorenzo River Corridor
  - 13: West Cliff
  
- STATE PARKS**
  - 14: Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park
  - 15: Lighthouse Field State Beach
  - 16: Natural Bridges State Beach
  - 17: Wilder Ranch State Park
  
- BEACHES & WHARF**
  - 18: Cowell Beach
  - 19: Its Beach
  - 20: Main Beach
  - 21: Mitchell's Cove
  - 22: Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf



## 4: Existing Park Coverage Map



### NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

#### WEST ZONE

- 1: Bethany Curve
- 2: Sgt. Derby Park
- 3: Garfield Park
- 4: La Baranca Park
- 5: Lighthouse Avenue Park
- 6: Moore Creek Overlook
- 7: Pump Track
- 8: Round Tree Park
- 9: Trescony Park
- 10: University Terrace Park
- 11: Westlake Park

#### CENTRAL ZONE

- 12: Beach Flats Park
- 13: Laurel Park
- 14: Mission Plaza
- 15: Poets Park
- 16: Rincon Park
- 17: Scope Park
- 18: Town Clock

#### EAST ZONE

- 19: Branciforte Dog Park
- 20: Central Park
- 21: El Portal Park
- 22: Frederick Street Park
- 23: Grant Park
- 24: John Franks Park
- 25: Mimi de Marta Park
- 26: Ocean View Park
- 27: Pacheco Dog Park
- 28: Riverside Gardens Park
- 29: Star of the Sea Park
- 30: Tyrell Park



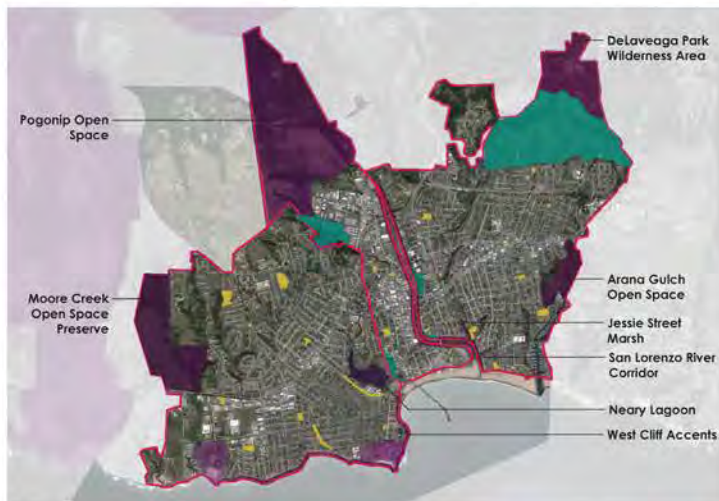
### SCHOOLS WITH JOINT USE AGREEMENTS

- 31: Bay View Elementary School
- 32: Branciforte (B40) Middle School
- 33: Branciforte Small Schools
- 34: DeLaveaga Elementary School
- 35: Harbor High School
- 36: Mission Hill Middle School
- 37: Pacific Collegiate School
- 38: Santa Cruz High School
- 39: Westlake Elementary School





## 5: Open Spaces & Trails



**Arana Gulch Open Space**


**DeLaveaga Park Wilderness Area**


GENERAL COMMENTS		

**Jessie Street Marsh**


**Moore Creek Open Space Preserve**


**Neary Lagoon**


**Pogonip Open Space**




# APPENDIX 5.3: COMMUNITY MEETING MATERIALS

## 5: Open Spaces & Trails

**San Lorenzo River Corridor  
(including Santa Cruz River Walk)**



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**West Cliff**



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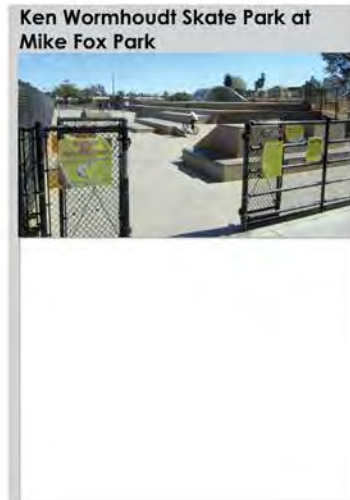
**GENERAL COMMENTS**




**6: Community Parks**

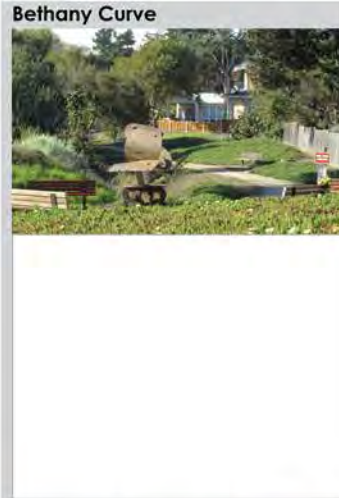


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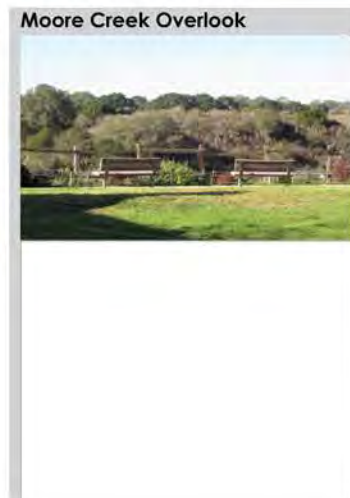
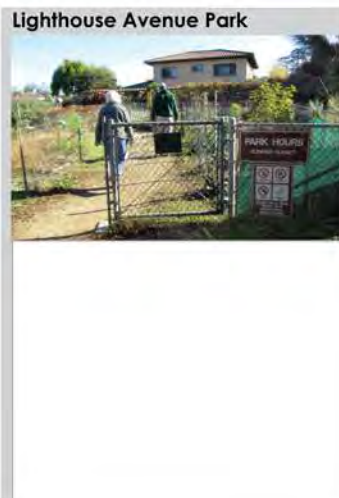




7: Neighborhood Parks - West Zone



**GENERAL COMMENTS**



**7: Neighborhood Parks - West Zone**

**Pump Track**



**Round Tree Park**



**Trescony Park**



**University Terrace Park**



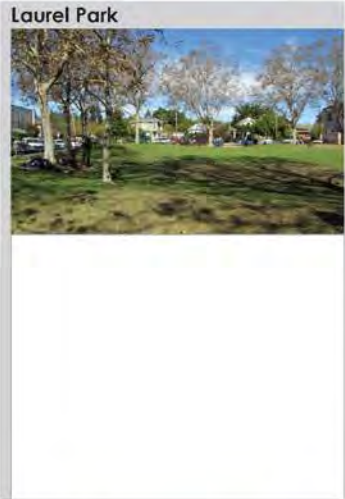
**GENERAL COMMENTS**


**Westlake Park**





8: Neighborhood Parks - Central Zone



GENERAL COMMENTS

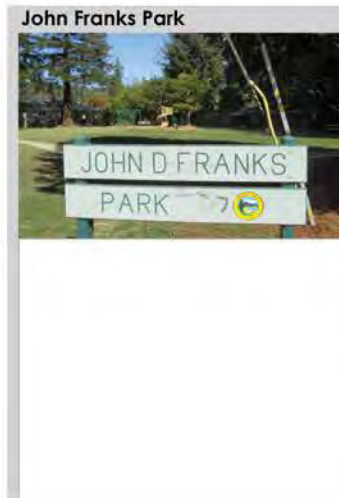
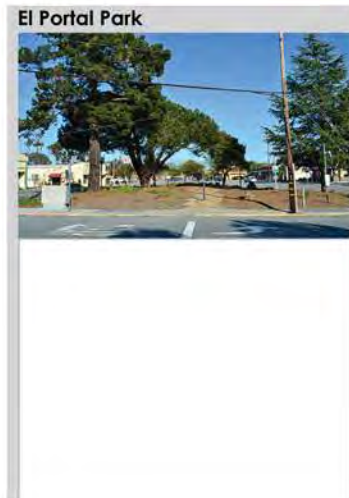





9: Neighborhood Parks - East Zone



GENERAL COMMENTS		





# APPENDIX 5.3: COMMUNITY MEETING MATERIALS

## 9: Neighborhood Parks - East Zone

Mimi de Marta Park



Ocean View Park



Pacheco Dog Park



Riverside Gardens Park



Star of the Sea Park



Tyrell Park

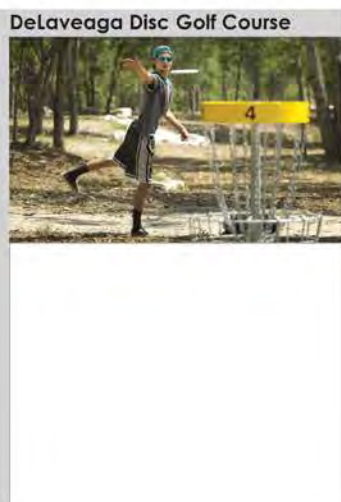
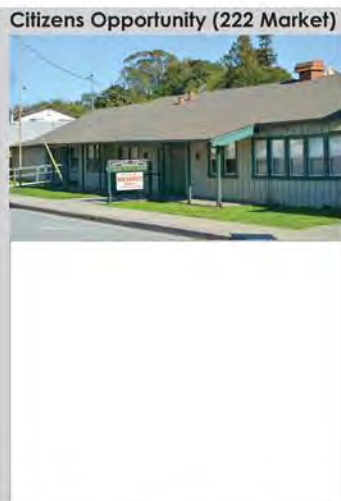
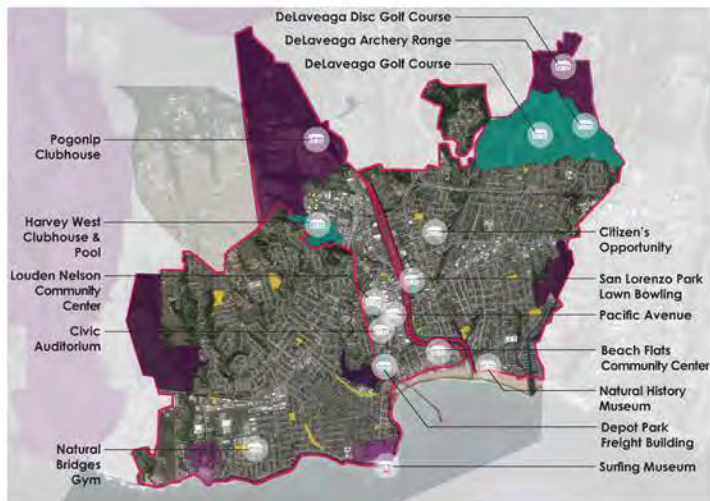


GENERAL COMMENTS






10: Facilities





# APPENDIX 5.3: COMMUNITY MEETING MATERIALS

## 10: Facilities

Harvey West Pool



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Louden Nelson Community Center



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Natural Bridges Gym



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Natural History Museum



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GENERAL COMMENTS


Pacific Avenue



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Pogonip Clubhouse



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San Lorenzo Park Lawn Bowling



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Surfing Museum



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11: Beaches & Waterfront

Cowell Beach



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Its Beach



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Main Beach



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GENERAL COMMENTS


Mitchell's Cove



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Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf



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# APPENDIX 5.3: COMMUNITY MEETING MATERIALS

## 12: General Comments

Any Other General Comments or Ideas about Parks & Recreation in Santa Cruz? Please write on sticky notes and add to board.






**APPENDIX 5.4: PUBLIC OUTREACH QUESTIONNAIRE**

Following are the questionnaires, in English and Spanish, which were distributed to the community at meetings and events during the Outreach phase of the Master Plan process.



# APPENDIX 5.4: PUBLIC OUTREACH QUESTIONNAIRE

## A. CITY WIDE - ENGLISH

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2015 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### HOW WOULD YOU IMPROVE THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ PARKS & FACILITIES?

- The City of Santa Cruz is creating a city-wide Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan to help guide future park and facility improvements. We would like to know your observations and ideas for park and facility improvements.
- Your name will not be published and your identity will not be linked to your responses.
- Please return completed surveys to Noah Downing, Park Planner at [ndowning@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:ndowning@cityofsantacruz.com) or Parks & Recreation Department, 323 Church Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

### CITY-WIDE INPUT

1. How would you describe your general level of satisfaction with existing parks in Santa Cruz? (circle one)  
*Not at all Satisfied*    *Somewhat Satisfied*    *Satisfied*    *Not Sure / Don't Know*    *N/A*
2. Are there any park amenities/facilities that you would like to see added? Where?
3. Are there any areas in the city of Santa Cruz that you feel are underserved? What types of park or facility improvements are needed?
4. Are there any user groups that you believe are underserved?
5. What would improve your experience as a park or facility user within the city of Santa Cruz?
6. Are there particular features within a park or facility that stand out (positive or negative)? Please describe.
7. Would you like to be added to an email list to be informed of public meetings and updates during the planning process for the Parks and Recreational Facilities Master Plan?  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**City of Santa Cruz Parks & Recreation Master Plan**  
Questionnaire: City-Wide Input



**B. CITY WIDE - ESPAÑOL**

Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_ 2015

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

**¿COMO MEJORARIAS LOS PARQUES Y FACILIDADES DE LA CIUDAD DE SANTA CRUZ?**

- La Ciudad de Santa Cruz está creando un Plan Maestro de Parques y Facilidades Recreativas para guiar futuros mejoramientos de parques y facilidades.
- Tu nombre no será publicado y tu identidad no será asociada a tus respuestas.
- Por favor regrese las encuestas completas a Noah Downing, Park Planner a [nodowning@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:nodowning@cityofsantacruz.com) o Parks & Recreation Department, 323 Church Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

**APORTES DE TODA LA CIUDAD**

1. ¿Cómo describiría tu nivel de satisfacción general con los parques existentes en Santa Cruz? (Circule uno)

<i>Nada Satisfecho</i>	<i>Algo Satisfecho</i>	<i>Satisfecho</i>	<i>No Seguro/No Sé</i>	<i>N/A</i>
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2. ¿Hay algunas servicios/facilidades en parques que te gustaría que se agreguen? ¿Dónde?

3. ¿Hay zonas en la Ciudad de Santa Cruz que sientas que están desatendidas? ¿Qué tipo de parques o facilidades sean necesarias?

4. ¿Hay algún grupo de usuarios que creas que están desatendidos?

5. ¿Qué mejorías en su experiencia como usuario de parques o facilidades dentro de la Ciudad de Santa Cruz?

6. ¿Hay algunas características dentro de los parques o facilidades que sobresalgan (positiva o negativa)? Por favor describe.

7. ¿Te gustaría ser añadido a una lista de correo electrónico para ser informado de reuniones públicas y actualizaciones durante el proceso de planificación para el Plan Maestro de Parques y Facilidades Recreativas?

Correo Electrónico: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Plan Maestro de Parques y Recreación de la Ciudad de Santa Cruz**

Encuesta: Aportes de Toda la Ciudad.



# APPENDIX 5.4: PUBLIC OUTREACH QUESTIONNAIRE

## C. PARK SPECIFIC – ENGLISH

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PARK & FACILITY SPECIFIC INPUT

**PARK OR FACILITY NAME** (one per page): \_\_\_\_\_

- 1.** Why do you use this park or facility?
  
- 2.** If you could make improvements to this park or facility, what would those improvements be?
  
- 3.** Are there park elements or additional facilities you would like to see added to this park/facility?
  
- 4.** Do you have any additional comments or Ideas?

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**City of Santa Cruz Parks & Recreation Master Plan**  
*Questionnaire: Park & Facility Specific Input*





**D. PARK SPECIFIC - ESPANOL**



# APPENDIX 5.4: PUBLIC OUTREACH QUESTIONNAIRE

Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_ 2015

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

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- La Ciudad de Santa Cruz está creando un Plan Maestro de Parques y Facilidades Recreativas para guiar futuros mejoramientos de parques y facilidades. Nos gustaría conocer tus observaciones e ideas para el mejoramiento de parques y facilidades.
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## APORTES ESPECÍFICOS DE PARQUES Y FACILIDADES

**NOMBRE DEL PARQUE O FACILIDAD** (uno por página): \_\_\_\_\_

1. ¿Por qué usas este parque o facilidad?

2. Si podrias hacer mejoras en este parque o facilidad, ¿Qué mejoramientos serían?

3. ¿Hay algunos elementos o facilidades adicionales que te gustaría que se sean añadidos a este parque/facilidad?

4. ¿Tiene comentarios o ideas adicionales?

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**Plan Maestro de Parques y Recreación de la Ciudad de Santa Cruz**  
Encuesta: Aportes Especificos de Parques y Facilidades



**APPENDIX 5.5: SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY INPUT**

Public input was received from a variety of sources and is summarized below. The input was synthesized and categorized both under Comments Regarding the Overall Parks System as well as Comments Regarding a Specific Park. Each comment is listed and the source of the comment is indicated in parenthesis at the end of each comment and includes the following sources:

- Community meetings (C)
- An interdepartmental meeting with Parks and Recreation maintenance, programming, and administrative staff (D)
- Emails and letter correspondence (L)
- Online and hardcopy questionnaires (Q)

**A. COMMENTS REGARDING THE OVERALL PARKS SYSTEM**

Comments regarding the overall parks system were organized into the following categories:

- Increase Parking Opportunities
- Green Building
- Landscaping
- Develop and/or Acquire More Parks and Open Space
- Shortage of Community Rental Facilities, Community Facilities, And Event Space
- Site Furnishings
- Recreational Facilities
- Conservation and Stewardship
- Community Outreach and Education
- Administration, Management, and Maintenance
- Accessibility
- Safety
- Enforcement
- Connections and Circulation
- Cultural, Art, and Historic Resources
- Funding and Economic Sustainability

**INCREASE PARKING OPPORTUNITIES**

1. More paved trails and accessible parking. (C)
2. Plentiful parking and access would improve experience. (Q)
3. Dedicated parking for theater events. (Q)
4. Free parking. (Q)
5. It's annoying to get a ticket whenever engrossed in a project for more than 3 hours. (Q)
6. Shade in parking lots. (Q)

**GREEN BUILDING**

1. Change as much lighting and equipment to solar powered as possible. (C)
2. Install urinals that don't flush to save water. (C)
3. No use of herbicides or pesticides. (C)
4. Solar power and solar panels for park facilities. (Q)
5. Composting toilets in all parks. Pay poor people to be bathroom monitors as is done in all poor countries. (Q)
6. Recycled water system at each park, water fountain, hand washing sink water recycled for plants. Composting toilet with little to zero water use. (Q)

**LANDSCAPING**

1. Wildlife habitat - native planting in most parks would create a network of habitat for migration and resident wildlife. (C)
2. Parks should have green/native plants not just built features (lawns are not appropriate for our water situation). (C)
3. Parks seem to have limited green, if lucky, or brown, add more color. (D)
4. Just as community gardens greatly enhance neighborhoods, I would love to see portions of some parks designated as native plants pollinator-support gardens. The wonderful native plant garden on Shadowbrook Restaurant land along Capitola Rd. is an example of what could be created - but could be much smaller than that garden. Such a garden could be created as a Parks & Rec. class or with collaboration from the Native Plant Society, Cabrillo Horticultural Department, UCSC Arboretum, Master Gardeners, and



## APPENDIX 5.5: SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY INPUT

community members living nearby. Once started, ongoing maintenance would not be too burdensome, because of the focus on letting the area be more natural, much less manicured than typical landscaping. As people tear out their lawns, they could learn lots and be inspired by such a plot in their local park. And most important, the park would provide habitat for native bees and butterflies, and forage areas for birds. (Q)

5. Insect habitat—bee hotels--see one online. (Q)
6. Improved landscaping directed towards attracting birds, bees, and butterflies. (Q)
7. Please don't destroy the grassy fields in any of these parks. We will get lots of rain this fall / winter. Don't do anything you will regret!!!! (Q)
8. More fruit trees. (Q)
9. I would like to see more edible plants and fruit trees incorporated into our parks like the new park in the lower Ocean St neighborhood. (Q)
10. Just seeing the invasive species taking over since the drought...It would be nice to diversify the native prairie grasses in the public spaces between buildings, beside sidewalks, etc. (Q)
11. Where are the GARDENS? We have one little place with roses next to the old police department. I would like to see a Community Rose Garden and a whole area of PLANTED GARDENS from succulents to native plants to a link to the UCSC Arboretum. (Q)
12. I would like to see grassy areas watered moderately to keep them green and soft for the children. (Q)
13. Unfortunately, we can't have grass. We really need a place for folks to just run around in circles, like a large grass field. Gophers and lack of water will keep that from happening but it is a real need. (Q)
14. I would also like to see quiet peace gardens created for people to sit and contemplate or meditate or read. (Q)
15. Bare bones park landscape makes poor impression; Overall maintenance neglect biggest issue. (Q)
16. Improvements in landscaping. (Q)
17. Eastside Santa Cruz could use more trees/plantings along the streets - traffic calming. (Q)
18. Plant more natives such as Coast Live Oaks. (Q)

### DEVELOP AND/OR ACQUIRE MORE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

#### General

1. More community parks with open fields and infrastructure. (C)
2. I feel it would be great to have more parks in general, especially more small neighborhood ones. I'd prefer to see empty lots become mini parks, where neighbors can get to know each other better, rather than be developed. (Q)
3. The more parks the better. (Q)
4. Nice to have so many choices. Need more. (Q)
5. Address the need for parks and commons. (Q)
6. More pocket parks. (Q)

#### Develop existing open space land

1. Develop more parks like Pogonip. (Q)
2. Too much closed land. (C)
3. OK, I know the city gave Lighthouse Field to the State years ago. BIG MISTAKE!!!!!!!!!! It's an ugly mess. It's a dog latrine! It's a flea and tick sanctuary! It could be SO WONDERFUL, but instead it's an ugly vacant lot. What a shame!!! It could be a miniature park if you planted trees, etc. YES!!! Get it back!!! Take it back from the State since they don't maintain it. There should be community gardens, showplace gardens that bring folks to SC for something other than the boardwalk and the beaches. There should be picnic areas, playing fields, even more parking. (Q)

#### Open Space

1. Continue to investigate the offer from the Land Trust of SC County to take over Antonelli Pond. (C)
2. Increase size of existing open space areas and add more open space "wilderness areas" to parks dept. (D)
3. Acquire and protect more open space lands. (D)
4. Expand open spaces (Q)
5. As our town's density increases, we should work to enhance our shared open spaces so that they are inviting to and safe for all, thus



providing a rich venue for social and cultural interactions. Will strengthen the ties that make us a community. (Q)

- 6. More openness. (Q)
- 7. More open space and natural areas in the East Zone (creative nature experiences for kids). (C)

**Desired Locations for Neighborhood and Community Parks**

- 1. Lower West side needs a park (east of Mission). (C)
- 2. West Zone seems to have smaller number of neighborhood parks - Garfield is really all playgrounds and, while La Barranca is nice, not place for a picnic or birthday party along busy Bay Street - need something like Frederick Street Park.
- 3. More parks on Westside. (Q)
- 4. More parks on Westside. (Q)
- 5. Would like to see "parklets" Westside. (Q)
- 6. Downtown gathering space. (Q)
- 7. Downtown gathering space. (Q)
- 8. Downtown gathering space. (Q)
- 9. Downtown gathering space. (Q)
- 10. Downtown gathering space. (Q)
- 11. We could really use a nice park downtown. (Q)
- 12. Downtown, we desperately need a park with benches and shade trees where children can play, workers can eat their lunches, etc. We have empty open lots from the earthquake with fences around them. There is no excuse. (Q)
- 13. A public outdoor gathering and/or performance space downtown would be a wonderful addition to our Parks system. (Q)
- 14. Need public plaza or permanent Farmers Market space in downtown. (Q)
- 15. I would like to see a dog park in the downtown area. There is the small park by the river, but the location and overall appearance of the park is not very appealing. (Q)
- 16. Would like to see "parklets" downtown. (Q)
- 17. More parkland along the San Lorenzo river, on both banks, balancing natural environment with improved access for picnicking, water play etc. (Q)
- 18. More parks for East Morrissey. (Q)

- 19. Would there be any way to turn part of the weedy area alongside the new upper Morrissey sound wall into a dog park? Maybe it would attract a few of the dozens of dog owners who currently let their dogs poop all over the DeLaveaga school grounds and then leave it there for kids to step in. (Q)
- 20. Market St/Grant St area could use updated parks. (Q)
- 21. Mid-town dog park. (Q)
- 22. Mid-town doesn't have a lot of options. (Q)
- 23. The Eastside, where I live, doesn't have many parks. (Q)
- 24. Lower Ocean St area needs a beautiful big park integrated into an affordable complex of buildings for normal people to rent. Not "low income" but just regular old people who happen to be classified "low income" because of the preternaturally high rents. Like most public school teachers in SC are classified low income by HUD. So a nice park and housing complex - large enough for gardening, near the river, because river water incursion can water gardens like it waters the lawns on lower Ocean St. from below. (Q)
- 25. Continuous bluff park with pathway improvements and wayfinding signage that shows signature coastal shoreline environment. Attracts visitors and residents – economic generator. Currently managed by multiple agencies, so combine agencies and develop blanket EIR to streamline permitting process, management of park, and ability to engage with residents for support/sponsorship of projects. (C)
- 26. Expansion from existing West Cliff Accent park to the harbor. (Q)
- 27. Market St/Grant St area could use updated parks. (Q)
- 28. BBQ, Bathrooms and more children's play area in Beach Flats. (Q)
- 29. Beach flats and Lower Ocean have been systematically neglected over a long period. (Q)
- 30. Permanent Open Space/green space in Beach Flats neighborhood. (Q)
- 31. BF neighborhood needs additional green open spaces and maintenance of said spaces.
- 32. Lower Ocean and Beach Flats are vastly underserved.
- 33. Barson St. cul-de-sac got funding to install ADA access and new landscaping. This is an essential corridor for families with strollers, those with disabilities, and bicyclists. What's happening with this? We used a neighborhood grant for installing a mural with Kathleen



## APPENDIX 5.5: SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY INPUT

Crocetti, but the ADA path and landscaping is desperately needed here.

### SHORTAGE OF COMMUNITY RENTAL FACILITIES, COMMUNITY FACILITIES, AND EVENT SPACE

1. Have targeted facilities open during summer evenings for teens (especially middle school) - need safe place to go/play/hang-out. (C)
2. Teen centers, how can we make cool places for teens to hang out? Maybe more teen centers? (Q)
3. Drop-in centers for kids and teens. (Q)
4. More clubhouse space with kitchen facilities for family gatherings - weddings, reunions, etc. (D)
5. More budget for upgrading the lighting systems. (D)
6. Community center @ DeLaveaga & other parks, i.e. San Lorenzo Park for events and revenue and other. (Q)
7. Centrally located multi-use recreational facility (like gym) for table tennis, pickleball, volleyball, badminton, dance, etc. - go for bond measure or parcel tax to fund. (C)
8. City-wide facility dedicated to sports & recreation for all ages (volleyball, table tennis, badminton, etc.) (C)
9. Came here from New Mexico-a state with far fewer funds and less infrastructure than here. Almost every town/city (of all sizes) has at least one local rec center with a pool, weight room, ice rink, cardio classes, etc. for all ages. Rates are \$5 a day for in and out of town people. (Q)
10. Food truck beer garden. (C)
11. Parks and Rec food truck run by teen center. (D)
12. Parks and Rec food truck run by teen center. (D)
13. Park neighbors should not have power to prevent events that benefit the community because it may cause a temporary inconvenience (noise, traffic, etc.) - if live by park, expect it to be used. (C)
14. Water park. (Q)
15. Games, especially for adults. (Q)
16. More events - community gatherings and food festivals. (C)
17. More outdoor events, concerts, food trucks, etc. (C)
18. More events for public - basketball, tennis, yo-yo competitions. (C)
19. Tennis court and bowling lawns for all with no membership. (Q)
20. More food centers and music (i.e. at Abbott Square by the Museum of Art & History). (C)
21. Gazebo or stage area with sound equipment in selection of parks (that could accommodate events). (C)
22. More money making events, like fairs, concerts and festivals. There should be an event every month. (Q)
23. More cultural events. (Q)
24. Our club has been providing pickleball sessions for several months however, with its popularity and rapid growth it has been difficult to meet and manage the growing number of new players. We occasionally must limit games to 12 minutes due to these demands in order to offer everyone time to play. It is clear that we need more courts with parking and restroom facilities. While there are many dedicated public tennis courts, there are zero dedicated pickleball courts in Santa Cruz County. We believe that 8-10 dedicated pickleball courts could alleviate the current crowding on multi-use tennis courts. Additionally, dedicated pickleball courts could be used by locals and as another possible tourist highlight. Many pickleball players are retired and are a nomadic bunch. They travel state to state just to play at new and different pickleball venues. With dedicated courts, Santa Cruz could become a premier location, especially when the temperatures in Arizona and Nevada are prohibitive for outdoor events. The 2015 spring tournament in Case Grande, Arizona hosted 500 pickleball athletes. As you can see, there is much potential for our lovely city. (L)
25. Positive. I like the fact that City parks host events of general interest: SF Mince Troupe, SCMTB Festival, etc. (C)
26. More free food. South Pacific/Middle Eastern cultural dancing. (Q)
27. Weekly festival gatherings. Fund raisers. (Q)
28. Gatherings concerts. BBQs. (Q)
29. More bandstands and areas for dancing. There's nothing better than dancing under the stars. (Q)
30. Availability and use of public spaces like parks for events, concerts, festivals, etc. (Q)
31. More organized events and/or private parties. (Q)
32. Stop over charging non-profits for usage. It's ridiculous how much red tape the city asks for and charges. Almost feels like a mobster



environment. I would love to hold more functions in the city park but it's not financially possible if you're trying to make money for a cause to donate. (Q)

- 33. Public events held at city parks. (Q)
- 34. Get people interacting. (Q)
- 35. More reserved spaces. (Q)
- 36. Build a multi-use gymnasium for all generations (basketball, table tennis, etc.). (C)
- 37. Family camping. (Q)

**SITE FURNISHINGS**

**Shade structures, Seating, BBQs, and Picnic Areas**

- 1. People who don't love to bask in the sun are underserved. Shade structures would allow more play for longer amounts of time, as well as providing somewhere for grandparents and parents to comfortably supervise. (Q)
- 2. More shade over playgrounds. (Q)
- 3. Shade structures and comfortable benches and places to eat (picnic tables) are the bread & butter of parks. (Q)
- 4. More benches. (C)
- 5. More benches. (Q)
- 6. More benches. (Q)
- 7. More benches. (Q)
- 8. Nice benches. (Q)
- 9. Benches. (Q)
- 10. Picnic areas. (Q)
- 11. Benches. (Q)
- 12. Small kid size benches. (Q)
- 13. More bbqs. (Q)
- 14. More bbqs. (Q)
- 15. More bbqs. (Q)

**Trash, Waste, and Recycling Receptacles**

- 1. Dog litter bags. (Q)
- 2. Tamper proof trash receptacles. (Q)
- 3. More trash receptacles. (Q)

- 4. More trash receptacles. (Q)
- 5. More trash receptacles. (Q)
- 6. Yes! More recycling cans next to every trash can so people won't throw away recyclables. (Q)
- 7. More garbage and recycle receptacles are needed. (Q)
- 8. More garbage & recycling bins that fit items larger than bottles. Signs about garbage/cigarette. Ultra-harming marine life at entrances. (Q)
- 9. More cigarette butt containers. (D)
- 10. Just more recycling. (Q)
- 11. East side and west side beaches need more trash bins (for dog owner who won't take trash with them). (Q)
- 12. Some parks have more litter than others. (Q)
- 13. More garbage pick-up in all parks and beaches. (Q)
- 14. More trash cans, dog poo bags, and less trash on the ground. (Q)

**Drinking Fountains**

- 1. Water fountain. (Q)
- 2. Bottle refill/dog dish water fountain stations (like at Surf Museum). (Q)
- 3. Drinking fountains and/or places to fill water bottles are great. (Q)
- 4. Drinking fountains that work. (Q)
- 5. More water fountains in parks. (Q)
- 6. Water fountains. (Q)
- 7. Working water fountains. (Q)
- 8. Add water fountains. (C)
- 9. Drinking fountains. (Q)
- 10. Drinking fountains. (Q)

**Signage**

- 1. More signs. (Q)
- 2. Better signage. (Q)
- 3. Lack of signage. Some parks you don't even know what they are let alone uses, features etc. (Q)
- 4. Post no littering signs. (Q)
- 5. Post more signage to discourage littering. (Q)



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### Lights

1. Better lighting. (C)
2. More lights at parks. (C)
3. More lights. (Q)
4. Lighting at all the parks to keep them safe at night, it would be great to have solar powered lights. (Q)
5. Lighting. (Q)

### Restrooms

1. Update restrooms. (C)
2. Some bathrooms. (C)
3. Restrooms are always an issue. (C)
4. Workers and shoppers also need to urinate and defecate when in town. (Q)
5. Bathrooms. (Q)
6. Bathrooms. (Q)
7. More bathrooms. (Q)
8. Bathrooms at all parks. (Q)
9. Stop the ugly, unsightly blue porta-potties. Get the green/grey colors like Pacific Grove has. (Q)
10. Remodeled bathrooms. (Q)
11. More restrooms. (Q)
12. More restrooms. (Q)
13. 24/7 restroom with privacy doors. (Q)
14. Restrooms open day and night. (Q)
15. Bathrooms. (Q)
16. Restrooms. (Q)
17. More restrooms in parks. (Q)
18. Restrooms available. (Q)
19. Clean restrooms. (Q)
20. After looking at each park listed on this page, I see that many do not have bathrooms, even though you have playgrounds and other amenities for children. (Q)
21. Apart from the pool, the other issue is that parks need to have public restrooms. Parks and Rec has done a great job, but even more are needed, especially in the downtown area and maybe Arana Gulch. (Q)

22. Clean permanent public toilets, like the ones at Ocean View Park. It'll keep the human waste out of the bushes! (Q)
23. Perhaps more public restrooms. (Q)
24. Clean permanent public toilets, like the ones at ocean view park. It'll keep the human waste out of the bushes!
25. Parks with no restrooms really need at least a porta-potty or two. (Q)
26. Bathrooms. I know this is a homeless/drug issue but the rest of us need them also. And I would rather the homeless have a place to relieve themselves rather than behind park benches. Can't we be more creative than porta-potties? Can't we consider the holes in the ground like France has? At least easy to clean. Perhaps somewhat open, maybe just a little privacy. (Q)
27. More Rest Rooms. (Q)
28. The addition of restrooms/porta-potties at all parks. (Q)
29. Flush toilets. (Q)
30. Restrooms at parks that don't have them (University Terrace, Westlake, Sgt. Derby). (Q)
31. Restrooms need hand soap, antibacterial hand soap. (Q)
32. Clean bathrooms. (Q)
33. Keep up facilities (trash, toilet). (Q)
34. Bathrooms need to be clean. (Q)
35. Clean bathrooms. (Q)
36. Nice job with the Ocean Street bathrooms. We need more of those structures. (Q)
37. Rest rooms are not on all parks specially the gardens. (Q)
38. Restrooms. (Q)
39. Showers and camping Facilities (Q)
40. Clean restrooms in more parks. (Q)
41. Love the clean public restrooms and use them often when at parks. (Q)

### RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

#### Exercise Equipment

1. Parcourse Equipment. (C)
2. Install parkour and exercise equipment in some of the parks. (C)
3. Parcourse equipment like the '80s. (L)





4. Adult exercise park (like Hayward & San Jose), Teen/adult parkour course. (Q)
5. Workout equipment in parks. (Q)
6. Exercise equipment for older people in a place where there is already such equipment would be good. I just saw one of these by Ross and PetSmart, but you don't know it's there, normally, unless you happen to go on that raised path.  
<http://www.governing.com/generations/government-management/gov-senior-playgrounds-popping-up.html>. (Q)
7. Also, and perhaps more pressing, more (some) adult jungle gyms, so adults can play too! Complete with features made of natural materials to climb around on, bars for pull-ups, and rings too. Picture a more down-to-earth and natural looking muscle beach scene. Natural logs instead of 2x4s or 4x4s would be ideal. (Q)
8. Install more features for adults to get out and be active on in town. The more readily available these areas are, the more adults will use them, they'll get healthier and happier, and they'll be more excited to bring their kids to the park and play. Together. Rather than sitting in a bench while passively watching your kid try to have fun, we should be on the jungle gym playing WITH our kids. Showing them how to move and how to be safe doing so. (Q)
9. Near Wrigley Gum factory - lots of factories and shops nearby - maybe a PAR course. (Q)

**Pool**

1. More water facilities. (Q)
2. More water facilities. (Q)
3. As a community, we really need another public pool for kids to enjoy. Simpkins is great but hours for kids are limited, and Harvey West is same issue and not a great location either. How about a pool on the Westside or Downtown. (Q).
4. I feel that the missing link of swimming facilities is accessible to more people. (Q)

**Rock Climbing/Bouldering**

1. Rock climbing structure (like Monterey Dennis the Menace Park). (Q)
2. An outdoor bouldering park. Where there are fake boulders, similar to the one at grant park, but taller, with more interesting feature for climbing, and maybe a padded floor to minimize injuries. (Q)
3. More climbing opportunities. (Q)

**Walking/Running Paths**

1. Add track-style paths/walkways around parks (especially those not encircled by sidewalks). (C)
2. Add track-style paths/walkways around parks (especially those not encircled by sidewalks). (L)
3. Public running tracks would be great! (Q)
4. Track/running trail. (Q)
5. Walking paths or a "track" around one of larger parks, similar to that at the upper part of Anna Jean Cummings County Park. (Q)
6. Add walking features. (C)

**Community Gardens**

1. Community gardens. (C)
2. More community gardens. (C)
3. And more public-use gardens. (Q)
4. Community gardens. (Q)
5. If the park gardens were repurposed to include community gardens and drought tolerant planting they could serve as an educational tool and community building. (Q)
6. We also need more community gardens. The end of San Lorenzo Park toward Soquel? (Q)
7. Community gardens are wonderful. (Q)
8. Our water is precious and many in our community are under nourished, so using water to grow food, not just decorative landscapes would help. I would also like to see more community vegetable gardens created as part of our park system, like the one at Trescony Park, which I understand has a very long waiting list. (Q)



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9. I would like to see more community gardens! Yes, we're in a drought and gardening uses water - but local, organic community gardens use it much more efficiently than large-scale farms do, which is ultimately a more responsible way to source food in a drought. (Q)
10. More gardens and better care of existing gardens. (Q)
11. More community gardens. (Q)
12. Keep and build community gardens. (Q)
13. More community gardening spaces, everywhere and anywhere in town, possibly with more after-school programs for all children. (Q)
14. More community/neighborhood gardens in all undeveloped spaces. Incentives for property owners to allow it? I've seen too many open lots for decades that could have been better utilized for such purposes. (Q)
15. More community gardens. (Q)

### Skateboarding

1. Add more skate parks. (C)
2. More skate parks. (C)
3. Skate parks can be sponsored. (Q)
4. More skate facilities that local kids can safely walk or ride bikes to. Not a large scale destination parks like Mark Fox Park. Mini bowls and a street course (or a mix of the two). Skateboarding is a growing sport and a big part of Santa Cruz's culture. This town would benefit from safe accessible neighborhood skate facilities for local kids. (Q)
5. It would be awesome if Santa Cruz County implemented lights at the skateboard parks around town. I understand for community members living on San Lorenzo Boulevard, it would be unreasonable and disturbing to have skateboarders skating the Mike Fox skate park at night, but it would be so awesome if the county included lights at the new skate park being built off Park Avenue. I imagine it is reasonable to keep lights at the new skatepark until 10pm, for there are no homes that would be particularly disturbed by the skatepark staying open later. Maybe the lights be automatic as well, making it easy on county workers. Although I wish to say include another skate park, or at least some small skate spots around town for us skateboarders, I understand it

is difficult to get a new park in at places, so please at least implement some lights to keep the skateparks open at night. The reason I encourage this is because once the school year starts and daylight savings comes around, extracurricular afterschool prevent many skaters I know from making it to the skatepark and have free time at night when the parks are closed. I appreciate the county taking my suggestion. (Q)

6. It would be so awesome if small little safe spot skate spots were put around town, such as a small 100ft x 100ft skate square zone in a big parking lot that is usually unused, or at parks with a bench at one spot and a rail at another. It would really make the skate scene in Santa Cruz thrive! (Q)
7. Westside. Add skating parks. (Q)
8. I think all the skate parks are great. (Q)

### Sports Centers and Fields

1. More baseball & soccer fields. (C)
2. Youth, non-profit teams and activities should take precedence over for-profit adult and leagues when it comes to scheduling. (C)
3. More quality soccer fields, Add lights for evening soccer play. (L)
4. Besides Depot Park, most other soccer fields in city have huge potholes. (L)
5. Depot Park is always used and full of families and soccer players- maybe more soccer fields in urban areas. (Q)
6. A sports complex for all sports. Indoor soccer, baseball and basketball and hockey. (Q)
7. Need more baseball/soccer fields in town, but no room here. (Q)
8. More than one soccer field! Or for any field sports besides baseball/softball. (Q)
9. More play fields for kids and adults - let's make sure our shared spaces are inviting even in drought years - will reduce residential demands for turf/water, and will open up more person-person interactions, strengthening our community. (Q)
10. Santa Cruz County is sorely lacking in sports fields for our youth and adult sports, particularly soccer fields. Pogonip is at this time mainly a homeless camp. We are lucky it hasn't burned due to the many out of control homeless fires that have been, luckily, put out over the last five years. Pogonip should be made into an accessible



multi-use park that the city could be proud of. A good example of an urban park that serves many groups but still includes undeveloped open space and trails is Crocker-Amazon Park in San Francisco. While we have a handful of small neighborhood parks we still have very few spaces with athletic fields. When local soccer clubs have a tournament they usually have to 3-4 different venues as there isn't any place in the county that can handle a tournament. Living on the West Side (have lived in Santa Cruz for approx. 40 years) and having two children who play soccer, I can say the kids often have no place to play. The only viable soccer field on the upper west side is Mission Hill's field which is locked up on weekends unless it's rented. (Q)

11. Where can kids go to play pick-up soccer or baseball? Need more fields. (Westside). (C)
12. Need more sports fields. (Westside). (C)
13. Open and on-going dialogue between City and schools long overdue. Without coordinated approach to field scheduling, upkeep, and shared spaces, community and kids end up dissatisfied, frustrated, & disappointed. (C)
14. Add a sports field center complex with at least 6 adult sized fields (use industrial zone or part of existing open space - Moore Creek, Pogonip, etc.). (C)
15. With almost no fields in town except depo every field team has to really work for space and the kids can't even find their school open-Mission Hill. Build fields up on the old polo grounds, open the club house, and use a new access road from Harvey West. (Q)
16. Insure access to soccer fields for working families and/or teams that cannot pay to book fields months in advance. (Q)
17. Ball fields for soccer, rugby, football, baseball, softball, lacrosse, youth and adult in Westside vacant parcels, Pogonip east meadow, and Moore Creek. (Q)

### **Bike Parks and Pump Tracks**

1. Add more bike parks. (C)
2. More bike parks (considering post office and Fun Spot are now unusable. (C)
3. More bike parks. (Q)
4. Westside. Add bike parks. (Q)

5. Bike park :). (Q)
6. More bike parks of all kinds and levels. (Q)
7. Permanent bike park made with cement. (Q)
8. Mountain bike parks. (Q)
9. A better-funded, better-maintained pump track and dirt jump site on the west side would be great. (Q)
10. There's also a huge interest / need among the bike community for a city-run jump park to replace the torn-down Post Office jumps. I'd love one on the West Side. (Q)
11. With the Aptos post office pump track it would be nice to have one with the bike culture a great part of the community. (Q)
12. Pump track/mountain bike trails. (Q)
13. We need to replace the Aptos Jump and Pump tracks. (Q)
14. Maybe a permanent pump track. (Q)
15. The post office jumps rebuilt, and the opening of the Velocity Bike Park. (Q)
16. Pump tracks like the west side or chanticleer. I've seen all walks of life that have nothing in common besides the love of bikes associate at the local tracks and become friends. (Q)
17. They could all use more water and dirt for building but I understand that can't be some due to the current drought. (Q)
18. More pump tracks. (Q)
19. A pump track for mtn and young bike riders. (Q)
20. More bicycle pump tracks. (Q)
21. Bicycle pump track parks with shade. (Q)
22. More biking facilities like pump tracks and dirt jumps in the city. (Q)
23. As well as potential sites for Bike pump tracks, skill building areas. A great example of a park that does this extremely well is Duthie Park in Washington. This park is maintained by the local cycling community, was built by the local cycling community and all of the manmade features are built using IMBA guidelines, ensuring an amazingly safe and fun environment for all skill levels of riders. (Q)
24. I would like to see a new Aptos Jump Park. Let's make Santa Cruz a mountain bike mecca. See what we have done at the polo grounds New Jump park for bikes. (Q)
25. The growing mountain biking community. We appreciate the temporary pump track on the west side and would like to see more pump tracks throughout the city. (Q)



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### Playgrounds

1. I am not a fan of the wood chip playground covering. I find it tracks into my apartment and is dirty and unsanitary. (Q)
2. More kids areas that are somewhat fenced in and have seating for parents near the exit. (Q)
3. Get more interesting playground equipment. (C)
4. Sand boxes. (Q)
5. Kids aged 7-12. The play structures at most of our parks are great for younger kids, but the older siblings get bored. Good examples include: Grant Street Park for unique equipment, Ocean View with enough diversity with the climbing and natural grade differences. (Q)
6. Water features at parks. (Q)
7. Parks that cater to a wide range of kids and interests are great. (Q)
8. Facilities for young children would be welcome. (Q)
9. There should be strict rules about letting adults loiter in parks/playgrounds where children play. Adults should be accompanied by a child. (Q)
10. New playgrounds. (Q)
11. Parks that cater to a wide range of kids and interests are great. (Q)
12. Clean play areas for kids. (Q)
13. Keeping parks clean and kid friendly is important. (Q)
14. No more new play equipment. Develop natural playgrounds. Water, rocks, trees, ziplines, forests, etc. for independent play. (D)
15. Create off trail play areas in the open spaces as described here: [http://www.slate.com/articles/health\\_and\\_science/science/2014/05/kid\\_play\\_zones\\_in\\_parks\\_leave\\_no\\_trace\\_inhibits\\_fun\\_and\\_bonding\\_with\\_nature.single.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/science/2014/05/kid_play_zones_in_parks_leave_no_trace_inhibits_fun_and_bonding_with_nature.single.html). (L)
16. More interactive children's playgrounds that are natural looking. (Q)
17. We frequently go to Ocean View, Frederick St, Blue Ball, Loudon Nelson, San Lorenzo parks, and while each has some fun structures; none are really well designed with kids in mind. "Dennis the Menace" park in Monterey is far superior - Why doesn't SC have any park like that. (Q)
18. When Frederick St Park was being "redone", I was hopeful for various improvements-again total disappointments: the only significant change was the switch from sand to woodchips. Look at

Callaghan Park on Freedom Blvd. in Watsonville--it has multiple structures for climbing and imaginative uses, plus exercise stations for adults! There are also parks with large building blocks now so kids can build their own creations. Overall, the parks around SC are mostly sorely lacking in the areas mentioned.

19. Nice to have a 5 & younger area in more parks. (Q)
20. I appreciate having signs that ask that the playgrounds be places only for children and parents. Maybe drawing attention to these signs more. (Q)
21. Obstacle courses for kids. (Q)
22. Swings are always good. Swings on long chains so you get a better glide. (Q)
23. Allowing kids to climb trees. Allowing the trees at University Terrace Park to grow the limbs low and big like at Wilder Ranch. That tree at Wilder Ranch is magical and we need more of that but of course due to liability I assume, the limbs have to be cut so no one climbs on them. Sigh. (Q)
24. Parks and Rec game like monopoly or candy land. (D)
25. Yes- we really dislike the woodchips. Ugh! Not pleasant to walk on barefoot, so kids always have to wear shoes. My 4 year old got wood chip in her foot-quite painful. Also kids love to play in sand. Much more creative for them. (Q)
26. More playgrounds. (Q)
27. More playgrounds. To feel safe bringing my two year old. (Q)
28. Good play structures need to be at parks. (Q)

### Bike Paths and Racks

1. No bicycles. (Q)
2. NO BIKE PATHS that feel safe on Mission or in a number of other areas, like parts of Soquel Av or Dr. (Q)
3. Bike racks at entrances to most parks. (Q)
4. Rail trails. (Q)
5. More bike paths. (Q)
6. Road bike trails. (Q)
7. More bike racks. (Q)



## Mountain Biking Trails

1. Designated mountain bike systems connecting SC. (Q)
2. More mountain bike areas. (Q)
3. Have to drive long distances to go biking, and Spring Trail is an obvious place for them to learn to bike. (C)
4. More bike-legal trails. (Q)
5. More opportunities for mountain biking. More places with progressive dirt jumps and other features that allow practice and progression of skills. (Q)
6. Mountain bike trails. (Q)
7. Henry Cowell and Pogonip and UC Campus - not enough legal trails. (Q)
8. More mountain biking legal trails anywhere. (Q)
9. More mountain bike trails. Trails can get very crowded on the weekends and are drawing a lot of mountain bike tourists. (Q)
10. More legal mountain bike trails. (Q)
11. More legal mountain biking trails, perhaps with every-other-day hiking/biking shared use so that hikers can feel safe on the trails, but cyclists are also allowed to use them. (Q)
12. More legal biking trails. (Q)
13. More legal mountain bike trails would be nice. It would be great if some were beginner friendly to help bring new people into the sport. (Q)
14. More mountain-bike accessible/legal trails. (Q)
15. Mountain biking is one of the biggest sports in Santa Cruz, but most of the trails are illegal. This paradox doesn't help the city or the mountain bikers. (Q)
16. Santa Cruz is seen as a mountain biking mecca, yet most of the trails are illegal. Why not capitalize on the second biggest sport next to surfing in our town? The funds and support is already here with multiple globally recognized bike companies stationed in our town. (Q)
17. I would love to see more city support for Mountain Biking around SC, specifically around Pogonip / Cowell State Park. (Q)
18. Easier parking, access and cleaner more defined multi-use areas. (Q)
19. Pump track/mountain bike trails. (Q)
20. Mountain bikes. Pogonip is great but need more trails as the ones we have are way overused. (Q)
21. More mountain bike trails. Emma is world class but we need more. (Q)
22. Mountain bike trails. (Q)
23. If we could build a trail like the John Nichols Trail that would be great. EMT is a great trail but it does not have near enough climbing. (Q)
24. More mountain bike trails. (Q)
25. Mountain bike prioritized trails. (Q)
26. More mountain bike trails. (Q)
27. Mountain bike skills facility. (Q)
28. More mountain biking trails like Emma McCrary!!! Even hikers and certainly joggers seem to love it. The McCrary flow trail is fantastic for all levels of mountain bikers. I bring newbies there to learn. We also like logs across the trails to roll over or jump. (Q)
29. More long distance single track trails. (Q)
30. Legal single track trails above UCSC. (Q)
31. The bike trails above UCSC could be legalized and improved. I've talked to many riders up there and the majority has agreed that they would even pay entrance fees to ride legally. (Q)
32. More mountain biking trails. (Q)
33. Mountain biking is still probably underserved. Emma McCrary Trail is awesome, but some more fire road access in Pogonip and Harvey West would be nice, also more trails bypassing the golf course in DeLaveaga. (Q)
34. Seems like lots of space around DeLaveaga and I think the Pogonip is the perfect place for more bike access. (Q)
35. Mountain bike trails above UCSC. (Q)
36. More designated mtn bike trails throughout the parks. (Q)
37. More legal trails for bikes, seems like lots of trails for hikers/ horses and very few for bicycles. (Q)
38. Dirt trails for bike. (Q)
39. I would love to see more legal single track trails for riders of varying skill levels. Think demo flow trail for the amateur/novice riders, but something with more rock sections, drops, and technical lines for the more experienced riders. I believe this will greatly affect the use of non-sanctioned trails. I believe that all the hills around Santa



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- Cruz are pretty well underserved. We need more legal access for recreational use. The lack of single track mountain bike trails in a town where one of the world's LARGEST bike companies is headquartered seems absurd. Make Santa Cruz a worldwide travel destination!! (Q)
40. LEGAL MOUNTAIN BIKING! Santa Cruz is a world-wide destination for mountain biking yet any legal trail is pretty much garbage by an experienced mountain bikers' standard. We have one of the best mountain bike companies here, yet much of their lineup is "too much bike" for anything legal in Santa Cruz. (Q)
  41. Encouraging young people to ride bikes and exercise would be greatly improved by adding beginner dirt trails to parks like Pogonip and Harvey West. Trails like Arana Gulch are great! Kids need easy trails as a "gateway" to like of exercising while biking. (Q)
  42. Young bicyclists in the City should have access to beginner trails. I am disappointed that my two young daughters can't learn trail riding in a safe environment like Pogonip. They don't like to. (Q)
  43. Less mountain bike trails (I've been nearly run over many times at DeLaveaga Park forest trails.). They degrade the paths and are a danger to pedestrians and canines. (Q)
  44. More mountain bike trails. Mountain biking is a huge industry in the county. There are many mountain bikers. "Illegal" mountain bike trails are prevalent to satisfy the demand. The county is supported by the mountain bike industry. It's time for the county to support mountain bikers sufficiently (and in turn support itself). (Q)
  45. More legally sanctioned mountain bike trails in DeLaveaga, Henry Cowell, Nisene Marks, Coastal Dairy properties. (Q)
  46. More sensitivity to mountain bikers. They drive a significant piece of the local economy. Mountain bikers. They need more access to trails. I also believe that they should be given opportunities to participate in trail maintenance and rehab. This would be a great statement of civic duty. (Q)
  47. More mountain biking opportunities. (Q)
  48. More legal downhill and all-mountain mountain bike trails in Santa Cruz. Other cities and states like Oregon (Black Rock, Bend, etc.), Washington (Bellingham, Duthie, Colanade, etc.), and British Columbia see the income from tourists and make more and more trails accessible including building new trails that attract riders from out of state. (Q)
  49. More mountain biking access everywhere. Flow trail at Soquel Demonstration Forest -- would love to see more similar mountain bike designed trails. (Q)
  50. More bike trails in the hills. (Q)
  51. Santa Cruz has such great terrain. It would be awesome to see more access to fun mountain bike trails. Emma is so well received, it's a bit crowded. Seems there is a need for more trails. Bike trails with small, easy to roll over features would be great. Berms, tabletop jumps that don't require jumping them to go through. One way downhill specific trails would be awesome and prevent user conflict. (Q)
  52. I would like to see many of the popular mountain biking areas legalized, as well as more added if possible. (Q)
  53. More trails for mountain bikes. (Q)
  54. More mountain biking. Dual slalom course, downhill mountain biking and freeride course. Check out Vermont in Boulder Colorado. (Q)
  55. More mountain bike legal trails. (Q)
  56. We need more mountain bike trails in the park system. Let's get with the times! (Q)
  57. More access to legal mountain biking. (Q)
  58. If there were more legal mtn bike trails and specific areas to practice skills, such as pump tracks and purpose built skills areas! Santa Cruz has some of the best Parks on the planet! The Redwoods here blow my mind. I live within 5 mins of Henry Cowell Redwoods SP and enjoy time in the Redwood Forest there almost every day. (Q)
  59. Bike Parks. I would like to see the mountain bike community taken care of. A place like the post office jumps in Aptos would be ideal. Dirt jumps and maybe a little more downhill areas. (Q)
  60. More legal mountain bike access around university and through Pogonip. (Q)
  61. Mountain bike trails in city watershed land. The Emma McCrary Trail has been an amazing addition and proved that mountain biker can be good stewards and that trails do not automatically cause



- erosion. It's time to take that lesson and apply it to the city watershed lands. (Q)
- 62. Single track mountain bike trails for 12-17yr old kids and families. Older kids need to visit parks! (Q)
- 63. More multi-use trails or mountain biking trails. (Q)
- 64. Additional mtn. bike trail in DeLaveaga Park from top of the world through the lower frisbee golf course then a new trail into the area bordered by the old paved road to the archery range and the golf course hole above it. this trail could then go above the archery range and come out in the neighborhoods
- 65. Open all trails to all users, including cyclists. More trails also. (Q)
- 66. More bike trails (these can be multi-use). (Q)
- 67. More bike-legal trails in Pogonip so there is a loop. (Q)
- 68. More bike trails in open space areas. Bike legal trails on city watershed land like Loch Lomond. (Q)
- 69. More mtn bike trails in DeLaveaga and Pogonip. Trail through Moore Creek Preserve. (Q)
- 70. More legal mtn. biking trails. (Q)
- 71. More bicycle trails (dirt). (Q)
- 72. More mountain bike trails. (Q)
- 73. A bicycle trail linking Harvey West to Pogonip's Emma McCrary Trail would further enhance the experience. (Q)
- 74. More mountain biking trails similar to the great new Emma McCreary trail at Pogonip. Great for all ages, well-signed, flowy and exciting for all. (Q)
- 75. More access to bikes in general. I would also love for there to be clearly designated bike trails, hiking trails and equestrian trails. We have the space, we have the land and all of the groups have great people in them who are willing to do the work to make this happen. (Q)
- 76. Mountain Bikers. We have great tourism opportunities for mountain biking in Santa Cruz County. More access to mountain bike trails. (Q)
- 77. Mountain bike trails, mountain bike access. Pogonip is great! (Q)
- 78. More mountain bike trails and access, EM trail is awesome need more of those or at least more mtn bike access. (Q)
- 79. More mountain bike access and mountain bike specific trails that are separate from hiking trails. (Q)

- 80. Mountain Bike trails all over Santa Cruz, less trails with horses. (Q)
- 81. More Mountain biking trails please. Having lots of traffic from healthy hobbies like mountain biking will not only make it a better place to live, but it will hopefully make it less desirable for the drug culture to hang out in the woods. I am thinking of Pogonip specifically, but this echo's through-out the county. (Q)
- 82. Pogonip is a fabulous park, despite all the crime. Please don't expand the number of legal bike trails there -- the lack of bikes is one of the reasons it's so pleasant to walk there! (Q)
- 83. More cycling Access specifically on the southern side of DeLaveaga, More beginner level single track for mountain biking. (Q)
- 84. Mountain bikers continue to lag behind hikers and equestrians in access and availability of riding options. (Q)
- 85. More dirt cycling trails. More off road bike and hike trails through town. A bike jump area to take some of the use off the Emma Macquarie trail. (Q)
- 86. More mountain bike trails. (Q)
- 87. There needs to be more open land, or legal trail use for the mountain bikers of the area. Any of the watershed land, Henry Cowell, Big Basin, etc. (Q)
- 88. More access to mountain bike trails. (Q)

### Trails

- 1. More trails. (C)
- 2. When planning new trails, please keep in mind that pedestrians and bicycles don't always mix well together. In many areas separate trails would be advisable. (Q)
- 3. Maintain existing trails. (Q)
- 4. More trail maintenance. No more roads. (Q)
- 5. More trails. (Q)
- 6. Open space and unpaved hiking trails for hikers/walkers. The bike path through Arana Gulch closed almost all of the unpaved walking paths. Walking on an unpaved path in nature is a very different experience than a paved multi-use trail. (Q)
- 7. Keep trails clear of poison oak if possible. (Q)
- 8. The trails that are legal are marked and well maintained like in Soquel Demo. (Q)
- 9. Trail management, separation of uses and legalization of trails. (Q)



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10. Positive: we have an amazing forest area with a decent amount of outdoor oriented community. Negative: trails and forest areas could be better managed to allow for a responsible use across multiple sports. (Q)
11. More access to trails/open space. (Q)
12. No, unless you can add equestrian trails. (Q)
13. Trail maps and park maps. Show trails that connect our community amenities, views, and uses. (Q)
14. The downhill bikers have access to every trail and cause havoc--one ran into my little boy--yet we dog walkers have nothing. (Q)
15. More trails at DeLaveaga - a loop trail around the park. This is a fun place to enjoy the trails which is close to a lot of residents and could benefit an expanded trail system. (Q)

### Other Recreational Facilities

1. Permanent croquet area on artificial turf. (D)
2. Ziplines. (Q)
3. Ping-pong. (Q)
4. Ropes course. (Q)
5. Chess/checker tables. (Q)
6. Bocce ball courts open to public scheduling. (Q)
7. Horseshoe pit. (Q)
8. Horsehoe pit. (Q)
9. Miniature golf. (Q)
10. Miniature golf, anywhere. (Q)

### Dog-Use

1. More off-leash dog areas. (C)
2. More places/beaches for dogs. (Q)
3. More off-leash dog areas please. (Q)
4. Dog parks & beaches so dogs can run and get exercise. (Q)
5. More dog friendly. (Q)
6. More dogs. (Q)
7. More dog friendly-off-leash. (Q)
8. More dog friendly. (Q)
9. More off-leash areas. (Q)
10. I would like you to continue to provide access for off leash dogs. (Q)

11. Dog Parks - real space where kids are not allowed - there are more dogs per household in SC than kids. (Q)
12. There needs to be large open spaces for off leash dogs. I was just visiting Garland Ranch in Carmel and for once I felt my dog got the free running experience and exercise needed by larger dogs, but which is currently not available closer to home. (Q)
13. 50% of S.C. residents own dogs, and off-leash recreation is disappearing. (Q)
14. More trails that allow dogs. (Q)
15. Leash free green/open spaces and beach hours throughout the area. (Q)
16. An off-lease area for dogs that can be enjoyed by more folks and that is not a detriment to the wildlife. Like Lighthouse Field but maybe a smaller area. Dogs like to explore. Most dogs do not like dog parks because there is nothing to do there except to fetch balls. Most dogs really don't want to do that. Most dogs want to sniff and explore. (Q)
17. I want to be able to include my dog! (Q)
18. More off-leash dog areas on trails and beaches. (Q)
19. I'd like to see more dog parks / sections. (Q)
20. I would like to see other beaches allow off leash dogs. Its Beach is so crowded because it's the only beach on the Westside that dogs can roam free. Mitchell's Beach is available too but it's so disgusting people tend not to want to go down there. (Q)
21. Dog parks that are not bare dirt and fox tails. But we especially need a place where we can walk our dogs off leash. Off leash areas to walk our dogs like Lighthouse Field or Long Marine Lab--both no longer available to us. It's a shame, we're looking to move to another city and we've been here 25 years and have a business here--employing up to 70 engineers at one point. I'd have access to off leash dog walking on a beach, trail or open park area. (Q)
22. More off-leash UN-FENCED dog areas, please. Upgrades to the existing dog parks so there are permanent play structures. I have actual plans from other cities if you are interested. For instance, a cement sewer pipe is a great dog tunnel. They can play in it or on it. (Q)
23. Swim areas for dogs. (Q)





24. I'd like to see more parks which allow good behaved dogs off-leash. (Q)
25. More dog friendly locations! (Q)
26. More dog parks and dog friendly areas. More off leash areas for dogs. Not only do I want this because I am a dog owner, I want this because: 1. Having dogs present makes areas safer. There are many areas I would only go to with my dog in tow. Being a woman, I feel much safer with my and other dogs present. I know I am not alone in this feeling. 2.Dogs create community. (Q)
27. Yes. Please add more dog parks with agility and obstacles to play with. Also separate areas for single dogs or small dogs. (Q)
28. More dog parks in West Zone. (D)
29. Good dog park at the foot of Broadway (just before the river levee). (C)
30. More off-leash dog parks. (Westside/mid-town). Pop-up water park. (Q)
31. More areas where I can walk and exercise my dog off-leash, under voice control, such as in Pogonip and DeLaveaga. (Q)
32. More off-leash space for dogs, like Grant & Frederick Sts. (not necessarily dog parks). Especially at Harvey West Park, San Lorenzo bench lands, Pogonip, and Arana Gulch. (Q)
33. Off leash dog park for lower Westside residents. E.g. Sgt. Derby Park (which I didn't see on the) parks master plan. (Q)
34. More off leash dog space, specifically along the river and lighthouse field. Allow dogs in San Lorenzo park. Dogs on leash and their owners are a deterrent to transients. (Q)
35. We need at least 1 good legal off-leash area for walking/running dogs. I'm not talking about a little fenced-in "dog park" but rather a serious trail for dogs who need to cover at least a couple miles to feel exercised. I think Pogonip is a great candidate for this. It would also be nice to have a legal off-leash dog beach that isn't directly impacted by the outflow from the sewage treatment plant :). (Q)
36. Mitchell's Cove, Open to off-leash sunrise to sunset. (Q)
37. More fenced off-leash dog areas (particularly near coast so beaches not used as canine latrine and dogs won't disturb native habitat and wildlife). (C)
38. All dog parks should be fenced. (C)
39. All dog parks should be fenced - more enforcement of leash laws and "no dogs" areas. (C)
40. More dog parks, enforced leash laws, and developed pet zones that are not in conflict with needs of birds and other wildlife (Love viewing birds on shorelines and beaches, but alarmed at how dog owners encourage dogs to chase birds when off leash). (L)
41. Fenced-in dog park. (Q)
42. Fenced dog areas. (Q)
43. Dog park with drinking fountain, grass, fence, no dirt, big enough to run. (Q)
44. Off leash dog areas for reactive dogs - a fenced area where single dogs can take turns running or playing by themselves. It could also be used for an owner training a dog that is still learning to obey commands. (Q)
45. A large dog park that is grassy, fenced and is only for dogs - not mixed use. (Q)
46. More off leash dog parks that are fully fenced! A dog park without a four-sided fence is useless. You might as well not call it a dog park. I live near University Terrace Park on Meder Street, and cannot use the park that is within walking distance to my house. The dog park there would be awesome if it had a fence! The park backs up onto a heavily wooded area, that is home to coyotes. I hear about people losing their dogs all the time in that area. No chance in hell I'm going to risk losing my dog to coyotes. We have to drive to Aptos dog park or SV dog park to get any good socializing for my dog. (Q)
47. People who are allergic to dogs' dander & saliva. Young children who are the group that is bitten most frequently by dogs. Small parks like Ocean View should have a fenced in off leash area so that the children's area and eating area could be calmer. (Q)
48. More open space which allows dogs access off leash. Fenced dog runs are only enjoyable for dogs who like to socialize with each other or play ball. I enjoy hiking and walking with my dog. (Q)
49. I would like to see off leash dog areas in City Parks such as Frederick St. deleted unless they are FENCED OFF from areas children use. I would like to see the leash law enforced daily in city parks. (Q)
50. Fencing of current off leash areas. (Q)



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51. I would like to see all of the parks that allow dogs off-leash to fully fence the areas where they are allowed. Since many dog owners routinely allow their off-leash dogs to wander outside of specified boundaries it is an affront to other park users who don't want to be harassed. This is a public safety issue, especially for children. (Q)
52. Love the fenced-in dog runs in certain parks. Would like to see more of those. Definitely DO NOT want to see dogs allowed without leashes on any beaches. It's bad enough they poop and the waves take it away before owner can clean it up. (Q)
53. I would prefer that all parks that allow dogs have a fenced area for the dogs to keep them separate from children who wish to visit the park. (Q)
54. Addition fenced dog areas at parks. (Q)
55. I would love a large, fully fenced, off leash dog park on the Westside of town. (Q)
56. Dog off-leash times (before, after 4). (Q)
57. Off leash dog hrs at beaches and green belts. (Q)
58. Make a city park--like Pogonip--accessible for off-leash during certain hours. Other cities like S.C.--Bend, OR is one--routinely do this. Availability of off-leash recreation at a city park or beach, for certain hours a day. (Q)
59. Off leash dog beaches. (Q)
60. Off leash times and places. Especially It's beach but other beach options would be great. (Q)
61. More dog fountains. (Q)
62. Dog fountains. (Q)
63. Dog poop bags in every park. (Q)
64. More trash and recycling cans and dog poop bags with signs to clean up after your dog. Where did those "Poop Ferry" signs go? We loved those. (Q)
65. Recycling bins and trash cans at beaches where ranger access is limited. People tend to abandon dog poo. (Q)
66. Wood chip small dog parks are not good enough to exercise a real dog. (Q)
67. There are superb agility dog parks in the Bay Area which include tires to jump through, regular Jumps, A-frames, slaloms, tunnels and fire hydrants in grassy areas that are simply non-existent in Santa Cruz. The amenities at Drigon Dog Park in Union City would be fabulous to see in, if not all of, at least some of our already existing dog parks. (Q)
68. Some parks, like Tyrrell Park and Mimi de Marta dog park have dog bag dispensers set up, however they are never maintained. Fred Park has the same dispensers, but neighbor volunteers donate bags. Is there a way we could network bag volunteers better if it does not serve your parks budget to keep the bags replenished, or perhaps replenish only in the summer when visitors are statistically more likely to have forgotten a bag, or provide scoopers, or perhaps put the dog bags back in the budget? (Q)
69. Off-leash dog exercisers. Those of us with big dogs who need places to run, and trails on which to walk. (Q)
70. I would love to see more dog parks without would chips. Most dogs hate them. Frederick St park is great!! (Q)
71. Dog parks with grass would be nice. (Q)
72. If dog owners want fenced areas, let them pay for them - don't use scarce city funds. (C)
73. Enforce dog rules on Its Beach and elsewhere in the park system. (C)
74. More frail park users who cannot afford to be knocked down by an off-leash dog at Main Beach, Cowell Beach, and other parks. (C)
75. More fenced dog parks (particularly near the coast to stop the invasion). (C)
76. Keep dogs out of parks. PERIOD!!! (Q)
77. Unleashed dogs in parks and dogs soiling Lighthouse beach are largely ignored by the City! (Q)
78. I wish certain dog owners would learn that it is not sufficient to bag the poop. They must also carry it back to a trash can and not just leave it by the side of the path. (Q)
79. Citizens should obey dog leash laws, and they should be enforced. The city (and county) should take an aggressive posture on this very important health and park experience issue. Many dog owners allow their dogs to ruin the beach experience and affect natural habitat. (Q)
80. I am sorry to continue to see so many dogs off-leash in parks where there is a clear doggy enjoyment area. The lower trail at Arana (where the water is) is now being used by dog owners to let their dogs splash in the water. Ick! (Q)



81. More places to walk dogs where there's grass BUT require ALL dogs to be on leash. (Q)
82. More areas for off-leash dog recreation that aren't just prison exercise yards. People want to hike/walk beach with their unleashed dogs. (Q)
83. A real dog beach for smaller dogs (the beach w/the nice stairs which has railings, as many people w/smaller dogs are older and need training. I would like to see all cats on leashes or indoor cats with litter boxes. Numerous cats dig in my garden and their homes are blocks away. Ocean and park access for seniors and small dog companions--free of large dogs, bikes, cars, drunks, etc. Improve pedestrian access to existing facilities. (Q)
84. We desperately need large \*off leash\* spaces for dogs. It's beach, the open space behind Anna Jean Cumming park, part of Arana Gulch, Lighthouse Field...something substantial so that pent up dogs don't get aggressive and noisy in suburbia. Please make it so it's not a crime to give our dog companions what they biologically require. (Q)
85. Although there are wonderful areas within the city of Santa Cruz where dogs are allowed off-leash, there are no areas where dogs under 25 lbs. can be safely off-leash. A dog park with an area specifically for small dogs is needed.
12. I'd like to see the parks, especially the one I live next to, Neary Lagoon, left wilder and not pre-empted by amenities like hardscaping or paved paths. (Q)
13. More natural/wild areas. (Q)
14. Too much mowing and tree trimming and tree felling. No herbicides or pesticides please. (Q)
15. No more paved paths or other hardscape features on any greenbelt. (Q)
16. Biodiversity lovers- those who like nature for nature's sake. (Q)
17. Knowing that our greenbelts are protected for habitat goals, forever. (Q)
18. Positive: Endangered, rare, and locally uncommon species of plants are amazing to have on City owned lands and should be cherished. (Q) Negative: destruction of ESHA for 'interpretive' trails.
19. We need to be more mindful of the importance of wild and open spaces. Arana Gulch took a big hit when it was developed. No longer hear the Great-Horned Owls, and the coyotes only howl rarely now. (Q)
20. There are already too many amenities in Santa Cruz parks that interfere with visitors' abilities to experience natural habitat. (Q)
21. More Open Space/Natural Areas, less pavement, benches, signs and other "amenities." Residents of Santa Cruz need quiet, peace, restful landscapes, the sounds of birds, wind blowing through the trees. (Q)

**CONSERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP**

1. I am in favor of maintaining and increasing our open spaces. (Q)
2. Develop an open space maintenance plan to help improve the restoration effort. (D)
3. Minimize use of concrete - keep the Santa Cruz look. (C)
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5. Parks' wildlife needs better government attention and funding. (C)
6. Parks' water bodies are neglected and need better stewardship - great educational potential! (C)
7. Restore native plants. (C)
8. Bird habitat and wild vegetation would improve experience. (C)
9. Consider needs of wildlife when planning park uses. (L)
10. Would like to see programs for youth to encourage ecological study - maybe a school that bridges into eco studies. (Q)
11. Restoration projects. (Q)
22. I also feel that emphasis should be placed on preserving our beautiful natural habitats and the animals that live there. (Q)
23. Less facilities and more emphasis on the preservation of the natural environment. (Q)
24. Pogonip and Arana Gulch, before the damned bicyclists spoiled their original qualities, were good examples of a positive recreation area. (Q)
25. Restore the ecology of our greenbelts. (Q)
26. The animals and flora of the parks. We need to take better care of them and stop building (paved) roads. (Q)
27. More green belt/open spaces protected from development and open to the public. (Q)
28. NOT to add much in the way of roads, etc., in any area. (Q)



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29. Please don't develop undeveloped greenbelt areas - just leave them natural. (Q)
30. Access to our already beautiful natural spaces is increasingly limited. I would like to see LESS rather than more park structures and developed playlands. Beaches and the Pogonip and the trails into the redwoods from Ocean St. extension are wonderful assets that must be protected from development, even development meant to make them more accessible. Don't pave paradise and put up a parking lot! (Q)
31. I think we have splendid and sufficient facilities and would like to see the green and natural spaces protected from further development, even if intended to create further access. Keep our natural resources natural, protect them, patrol them and treasure them, for these, not structures or facilities, are what make Santa Cruz a special place to live. (Q)
32. In general in our city parks, especially where there are natural values and wildlife corridors, I think we need to hold back on adding amenities and protect the natural features and wildlife. (Q)
33. I appreciate that there has been attention to native species of plants and animals, as at Lighthouse field. (Q)
34. While improvement of facilities may be in order at our many developed parks, we need to retain some wildness in our greenbelt open spaces. Trails allow access for residents, but we don't need any more pavement in those areas. As a matter of fact, there may be vestiges of prior development that could be removed from greenbelts which would help restore the ecology of those areas. (Q)
35. A continuing effort to set aside open space resources, and to steward them once acquired would be my top priority.
36. More environments that take advantage of our natural surroundings and introduce natural elements to a greater variety of areas. The natural element seems either missing or neglected at many of our parks. (Q)
37. Where the parks incorporate pre-existing or man-made elements such as ponds or canyons, increased educational signage about the flora and fauna and their habitat would be wonderful. (Q)
38. Educational and interesting signs about harmful plants and animals would be great along with signs about what we can do to help prevent human-created damage would be nice. (Q)
39. More open space. Less development. (Q)
40. I'd like to preserve open space, especially in Pogonip. (Q)
41. Improving the ecology of our greenbelt areas. (Q)
42. For me, natural spaces and open spaces are very important. I am opposed to paved roads/paths in greenbelt areas. (Q)
43. Please preserve and protect the greenbelt. (Q)
44. Greenspace (like the Pogonip) should be preserved as a viewshed, watershed, habitat, watershed, wildlife corridors, etc. (Q)
45. Maintain the integrity of our greenbelts belts!! No roads, bike paths or dog park desecration areas!
46. More open space preserved. (Q)
47. I prefer natural paths with vegetation that provides good habitat for birds and other wildlife, with some places to sit and reflect/relax. (Q)
48. The level of enthusiasm for the outdoors is extremely high among Santa Cruz residents, however, that enthusiasm is not reflected in the parks. The places I've traveled have amazing public access to their open space; Boulder, CO provides clean waterways and easy access to their streams, Lake Tahoe has vast multi-use trail systems with safe ways for bikers, equestrians and hikers to share. These amenities not only encourage a healthy community, but spark exciting new tourism opportunities. Santa Cruz has the space to provide these things, but they are all dumps, shared mostly by squatters and rusting grocery carts. Easier, cleaner, and broader access is the answer. (Q)
49. Better maintenance of existing open space. We don't need more facilities but would like to have the existing ones maintained better. (Q)
50. Add signage identifying trees downtown. (C)

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

1. Need to be better informed about locations, activities and programming available at all parks and facilities. (C)
2. Generally better publicity of parks in system (looking at Park Amenities Table, wasn't aware of many despite living here for 22 years - Tyrrell, Mimi de Marta, La Barranca, etc.). (C)
3. Make it easier for the public to use (& understand how to access) the joint-use school facilities. (C)



- 4. Bulletin boards in all parks (lockable) for public information. (D)
- 5. Advertise parks. (Q)
- 6. Simply if we all agreed to be respectful of others & let each other enjoy the respite or recreation of a shared open space. This is very difficult across generations and across abilities and interests. Mixed use requires agreement to share & to do no harm. (Q)
- 7. Educational signage. (Q)
- 8. Educational projects. (Q)

**ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT, AND MAINTENANCE**

- 1. Make sure money and full-time staff are available for good and thorough maintenance of all parks. (C)
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- 3. Train landscape crews how to care for plants correctly. (C)
- 4. One more crew leader. (D)
- 5. More workers, senior parks workers. One central, one west. (D)
- 6. Crew leader needed for east zone. (D)
- 7. Tree crew. (D)
- 8. We are rich in parks - improvements/enhancements are greatest need. (C)
- 9. More resources spent on park maintenance. (C)
- 10. There are enough parks in most areas, but many need improvements. (C)
- 11. Some of parks' trails need maintenance (i.e. from Harvey West to Pogonip). (C)
- 12. Re-allow spraying roundup...poison oak, medians, hardscape. (D)
- 13. Quality, on-going maintenance of equipment, restrooms, & landscape in all parks - many water fountains look disgusting or don't work, restrooms need paint and better maintenance, paths need repair (i.e. Ocean View Park). (Q)
- 14. It seems that we are spread too thin with too many small parks all over town. It would be better to have quality and not quantity. (Q)
- 15. Parks and Rec has been great! (Q)
- 16. Facility and park users who are monolingual Spanish speakers would benefit from having trusted City Staff who are bilingual and bicultural; ideally who can speak, read, write and translate for them. (Q)

- 17. The parks are lovely but it would be nice to continue to edge the trails to remove fox tails and clocks from the paths. (Q)
- 18. The entire Parks and Rec team does a great job. (Q)
- 19. Love the parks! (Q)
- 20. Just keep all parks well maintained and well patrolled so that everyone can use them. (Q)
- 21. I feel that the parks I do frequent are well maintained and serve a wide demographic. (Q)
- 22. I think the park system is great and can't think of anything that it needs. (Q)
- 23. Parks seem to be okay. Very important to community. (Q)
- 24. You guys do a great job in a difficult environment with limited resources. (Q)
- 25. Most parks are well-maintained and are in a good condition. (Q)
- 26. Many of the parks I have visited in Santa Cruz are very well put together and clean. (Q)
- 27. The place is great. (Q)
- 28. Great job, thanks. (Q)
- 29. I think its great as is. (Q)
- 30. I believe they are being administered well. (Q)
- 31. Neary Lagoon graffiti goes up and they quickly remove it. (Q)
- 32. Too much noise from maintenance. (Q)
- 33. Thank you for your efforts to keep the lawns green. (Q)
- 34. The parks are very nice for socializing and family activities. They are well designed and, if you keep to the populated areas, they are clean and comfortable. Because of the drought they aren't as lush but still beautiful. (Q)
- 35. Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation can't maintain what they already have. Don't build anything more! (Q)
- 36. The parks are all well-maintained. A BIG thank you to the maintenance dept for keeping them looking great. (Q)
- 37. We have enough. There is not enough money to maintain new parks, and we do not need new facilities in any existing park. (Q)
- 38. Better maintenance and security. (Q)
- 39. Grateful for all of the open spaces we have in Santa Cruz and value the beaches. (Q)
- 40. For the most part the parks are great. I really appreciate them and what your department is doing. (Q)



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41. Our parks are mostly well-maintained - kudos to the crews! (Q)
42. No they look good. (Q)
43. I am satisfied with the parks of Santa Cruz. (Q)
44. Within the city there are State Parks and beaches, city parks and county parks. It may be logistically impossible to make changes, but the jurisdiction doesn't always make sense and I think may lead to worse services. For example, why is Lighthouse Field a state park and not a city park? It's a nice natural area but some minor development (nicer paths, picnic area) and more maintenance (weed abatement and trash collection) would make it more attractive to residents. (Q)
45. I think that the Department does an excellent job serving the needs of the community. (Q)
46. Swap Moore Creek with State for Lighthouse State Beach. It is an urban park and there are illegal camping, drug-use, and property crime issues. (Q)
47. Revisit the FOLF proposal to swap the Moore Creek property with Lighthouse Field and restore off-leash dog recreation @ Field and Beach. (Q)
48. Continue to make residents and visitors welcome by maintaining clean and operable parks and trails. (Q)
49. Clear signage about policies for group functions at parks. Often, groups (some large UCSC student groups) have taken over large sections of a park (including playground areas designed for children) for their gatherings. I'm fully supportive of being able to use the park in such a manner but not when it would include a single group monopolizing the entire park. The signage might include reservation information. (Q)
50. 24/7 parks to feel free to be. (Q)
51. Local beaches are parks - they need to have clean water for old people to be able to go in. (Q)
52. Sidewalk repairs, street sweeping bike paths. General clean-up of parks, beaches and San Lorenzo levy path. (Q)
53. I think we have a good balance. I was very pleased that walkers and bicyclists were (finally!) able to find common ground on the Emma McCrary trail, which is a real treasure, and has improved that part of our greenbelt with respect to both access and behavior. (Q)
54. Since "parks" zoning has no definitions and no use/impact or density designations, levels or classes, develop a simple user density matrix based on average and maximum users per acre. This can be applied to any use or combined uses to inform park users, planners, and neighbors what to expect. (Q)
55. All facilities and locations parks fees and parks facilities tax fund to correct existing deficiencies. These uses of special reserved funds are unlawful per AB1600 and have depleted funding for acquiring new parks. Designate specific parcels for parks and recreation facilities. Map and measure all city funds feasible for rec facility development. (Q)

### ACCESSIBILITY

1. Include and improve accessibility for wheelchair users in every plan element. (C)
2. Every facility should include access for persons with disabilities - especially improve beach access; Seek out more use of school facilities for recreation. (C)
3. Laurel Park playground is wheelchair accessible (positive). (C)
4. More spread out accessible pathways in parks and on beaches so that if one is blocked, there is alternative route. (C)
5. More elements for those with limited mobility to use facilities - more beach access for wheelchairs. (C)
6. Handicapped access needs to be improved & accommodations for low income/disabled/elderly citizen discounts. (Q)
7. Senior park/picnic facilities (ADA). (Q)
8. Elders need new & novel activities and challenges to stay excited about life and keep the brain healthy. Marketing elderly type activities in parks might increase usage. (Q)
9. Actually a place to sit and have a conversation and have a snack would be lovely. As a senior, this has become too difficult except if we go to all the way to Natural Bridges or up to the Arboretum. The Natural History Museum grounds could be improved with a few benches. (Q)
10. People require sleep and rest: and for many folks the parks during the day is where they attempt to do that. We have a no sleeping ordinance. We also have many exhausted and irritable folks who are sleep deprived attempting to get some rest. So some day



sleeping area is needed or else the parks will always be last resort refuge for exhausted people. So I go to Natural Bridges or New Brighton if I want to relax. I live in a condo and have no yard so it is important to go out and enjoy Santa Cruz at a safe place. (Q)

11. Safe walking trails for seniors, easier access to dog beaches for seniors (stairs at Mitchell are too much). (Q)
12. Make cheaper and more obtainable. (Q)

**SAFETY**

1. Fewer homeless people in the parks. (C)
2. Eliminate camping or sleeping all day in the parks (should be for kids and families). (C)
3. Develop a comprehensive homeless solution area. (D)
4. Less illegal homeless camping and drug use, especially in Harvey West and parts of Pogonip; Mothers choose not to use parks we have paid for through taxes because there are scary transients and it seems unsafe for our children. (C)
5. Complex topic, but numbers of homeless sleeping in front of Loudon Nelson each morning is increasing. (C)
6. I don't believe that homeless people should get a campground to stay in - it is a way of encouraging homeless drug use. (C)
7. No camping/sleeping in hidden corners of parks. (C)
8. Homeless people (negative). (C)
9. City Parks are scary - I do not send my kids to the park by themselves. As tax-paying homeowner, I should be allowed to use local parks. Don't want to pay for someone else to use park as their home. Right now, feel kicked out of parks by homeless claiming parks as homes. (C)
10. Homeless people (negative). (C)
11. I work close to Harvey West Park but do not feel comfortable eating lunch there due to being approached by street people. Also, parts of Pogonip don't feel safe given group of men that sometimes go in and out from Golf Club Drive. (Q)
12. Negatives - transients/homeless, dirty and unsafe bathrooms. (Q)
13. More rules for homeless so we don't feel the whole town is handed over to the burgeoning homeless population. (Q)
14. Homeless problem, not safe, not clean. Parks Dept. does a great job trying to keep up with this problem. (Q)

15. Flush out the homeless. I don't like taking my kids to places they hangout. (Q)
16. Dirty needles in bushes. (Q)
17. Too many bums at Laurel Park. We are afraid to go there. (Q)
18. Harvey West Park is so nice and San Lorenzo Park but they are so overrun with vagrants that we do not feel comfortable being there. (Q)
19. Keep vagrants out of children's play areas and do not allow them to loiter/drink, spread-out belongs at any of parks. (Q)
20. Kids at Harvey West. Need more patrolling & less homeless people going to the bathroom in grass, begging, etc. (Q)
21. Family friendly parks are positive but homeless are hurting them. (Q)
22. Homeless pooping near Sgt. Derby Park. (Q)
23. Homeless needles. If you activate a park and encourage kids to go then the less homeless will hangout. (Q)
24. Get rid of homeless transients. (Q)
25. We need a facility to accommodate people who are between homes-bathrooms and showers. (Q)
26. Safer environment. Transients, drug-use, needles. (Q)
27. Please let homeless people camp for \$7 to 10 per night in one of your parks and look after the most vulnerable who are being pushed out of your town. (Q)
28. Don't take away the showers and laundry facilities for homeless people. (Q)
29. Homeless shelter and place to take care of. (Q)
30. I would love to see the park be a place where the homeless could safely sleep. I love our parks. (Q)
31. People with no place to sleep. What to do about this? Truly concerned. Want to make parks that work for all. (Q)
32. Homeless camping detracts from using the parks and the levee trails. (Q)
33. Eliminate all the (mostly) men sleeping/camping under trees and bushes in the parks. (Q)
34. Cheaper to house the homeless than to accommodate a couple thousand outside without cleaning and elimination facilities. (Q)
35. Cleanliness. Making it more difficult for the transients (the one's causing trouble) to be there. They occupy it...others can't! (Q)



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36. Less transient, homeless people loitering about. (Q)
37. Needles strewn about in sand pits or grassy areas are a definite negative yet are found frequently. (Q)
38. I'm kind of just scared to go to downtown parks still, like San Lorenzo Park and Mini de Marta because I see super shifty people, drug deals, and I once saw a lady of a drug car and a homeless man mating their pit bulls at Mimi de Marta and that's just rude, if not illegal. Also Riverside Gardens is a spot that I'd rather go to with friends than alone. (Q)
39. Fewer homeless people and their piles of possessions. (Q)
40. It's more a matter of maintenance and safety rather than facilities. It's discouraging to visit local parks and see dirty bathrooms and vagrants using the park as a crash pad. (Q)
41. Increased cleanliness, less homeless camping. (Q)
42. I would like to see vagrants removed from the parks. (Q)
43. The parks are all nice, the problem(s) is/are: The street people/druggies/crazies, and the Latino gang-bangers. Those two groups pretty much ruin everything with trash graffiti and hostility. Unfortunately, I don't think parks and rec. can do anything about that. (Q)
44. Someplace where trails are safe for longer walks. No homeless encampments, drugs, fecal matter, gang members (like Lighthouse Field used to be).
45. Garfield Park and Harvey West Park might as well be spaces for vagrants because they aren't safe for children. (Q)
46. General public. It feels that drug users are more welcomed than positive recreational users. (Q)
47. Recognizing homeless problem let's not let it keep us from creative solutions. (Q)
48. General homeless population prevents leisure in most areas. Homeless take ideal locations for relaxing, and are found in all public parks and open paths (Q)
49. Also, all areas of Santa Cruz that see street level drug dealing/purchasing. I want to move back to Santa Cruz with my new family, but lack of schools and high drug/crime rates are really making the decision hard. (Q)
50. I know that SC's mantra is "Keep Santa Cruz Weird," but there are parks I won't take my daughter to because I'm concerned about her the folks who gather there and openly indulge in all forms of drug use and who may leave their needles behind. (Q)
51. We don't go to the beach or do little guards anymore due to needles. (L)
52. Maintain a clean environment. Get the homeless out of the parks. This issue doesn't create a family friendly environment. The more activities you bring into the park the more they will disperse. (Q)
53. There are a lot of bums sleeping in parks and in bushes. (Q)
54. Pogonip, the river, Neary Lagoon all three of these would be beautiful natural places we could enjoy instead of fearing for our safety when nearby, if the city would get off its collective backside and kick the druggies and bums OUT. (Q)
55. Remove all homeless from city parks. I until recently lived very close to grant street park. I wouldn't even consider letting my daughter play there. (Q)
56. Too many drugs & homeless campers in Harvey West Park and Grant Street Park. It does not feel safe to go there. (Q)
57. Due to our homeless population and lack of funding for more rangers and maintenance, many of the existing facilities, primarily restrooms, are often found almost unusable. (Q)
58. Less homeless and druggies in public parks and beaches. Make serving kids the priority, not homeless. It's all beautiful besides that. (Q)
59. Homeless/transient attack dogs at every park. The homeless people sleeping/urinating/defecating/yelling/ abusing intravenous drugs. (Q)
60. No sleepers. Trying to enjoy the parks with sleeping bodies and all their piles of stuff all over is no fun. Or some children should be exposed to. (Q)
61. Being able to walk all over our town without feeling unsafe. (Q)
62. Feeling safe in our parks would improve the experience. (C)
63. Yes, the Lighthouse Field homeless situation. (Q)
64. Normal folks who do not appreciate being disturbed by bicyclists and homeless encampments. (Q)
65. Safety and respect would improve experience. (Q)
66. Make it more family friendly. There is so much beauty, yet it's scary for families to want to spend time at the parks with people doing drugs, needles, etc. (Q)





- 67. Kids like to remove their shoes at parks but it is too risky and dangerous to do that in Santa Cruz. (Q)
- 68. I do not feel comfortable in the downtown parks, like many people, due to the transient issues and I don't know what can be done. (Q)
- 69. Generally in good shape, however the homeless population in some of the open spaces lead to unclean spaces and cause me to feel unsafe at times. (Q)
- 70. More and safer open spaces for children. With no drug users or illegal campers. (Q)
- 71. The largest positive I've seen is in Grant Park with the constant rangers there, helping keep the park clean and free from homeless. Making it a much safer park for kids. The biggest negative is most other parks do not have this. I cannot count the number of times, myself or my family have had negative interactions with homeless, from being harassed to give money, to threatening behavior towards children. (Q)
- 72. Crime, very few public parks feel safe for my child. Pogonip has the potential to be a great family place. Families should be allowed to cycle within the parks fire roads with children, more useable open space for picnics and play areas, etc. the "let it be wild" is really not working. Warnings of coyotes and mtn lions is a good example of this policy. The levee has the potential to be more but its nothing but a haven for druggies. The ocean view park is a joke with the off leash dog field right next to a play area. Very unhealthy. (Q)
- 73. Too many parks have transient men hanging out in family areas where our little children play. (Q)
- 74. Parks are really good in general. I would like it if my wife felt safer however, there are too many homeless in Henry Cowell, Fall Creek and Pogonip. (Q)
- 75. The transient population and/or drug use at some parks keeps me from going there with my children unless my husband can come, too. (Q)
- 76. I feel that families with children are underserved because the parks do not seem safe and clean enough for children to play at. (Q)
- 77. Allow a caretaker to place a mobile home in an open space. They get free rent but need to deter vandalism and camps and help with upkeep. (D)

**ENFORCEMENT**

- 1. More alternative methods of patrol - motorcycles, bikes, etc. (C)
- 2. Enforcement against illegal activities in parks (drugs, fighting, trash, etc.) - especially San Lorenzo Park, Harvey West Park, & Laurel Park. (C)
- 3. Increase ranger staff positions. Deal with homeless, trash, drug, illegal camping problem. Stop the endless cycle. (D)
- 4. More city park rangers to patrol. (C)
- 5. More park rangers - they are really improving the experience for all park users. (C)
- 6. More interaction with park rangers. (C)
- 7. Make parks safer from crime, syringes, and aggressive people. (C)
- 8. Feeling safe in Pogonip and Harvey West. I would enjoy West Cliff Drive more if not so many people smoked weed and drank at the end of Fair and Almar. (Q)
- 9. Cleaner, more patrols. (Q)
- 10. Get rid of drones. (Q)
- 11. More control over bicycles on pedestrian trails, especially in Arana Gulch. Also, off-leash dogs, litter, tagging and the homeless. I have an on-leash dog. (Q)
- 12. More enforcement of smoking rules. (Q)
- 13. Less trash- can you organize ticketing of off-leash dog whose waste prevails? And litterers. (Q)
- 14. No more drug users. (Q)
- 15. Enforce no smoking, remove drug dealers, no "free food" in parks. It creates litter. (Q)
- 16. Increased safety- Ranger or Police. Presence or patrols. Too much drunk in public activity tolerated in our parks. (Q)
- 17. More patrols by rangers/cops. (Q)
- 18. Harvey West needs more police patrol! (Q)
- 19. Drug addicts and homeless make Harvey West a cesspool. We need that area cleaned-up. (Q)
- 20. Increased security patrols of Nearly Lagoon/Depot Park and Pogonip during prime hours of park use by women with young children and elderly by 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. or at least from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Q)
- 21. Lower crime levels. (Q)
- 22. More rangers. Nice to see them on bikes. (Q)



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23. Security (Private) needs training in public relations. (Q)
24. The rangers are very good. (Q)
25. Drug users still a problem in Santa Cruz, need more Rangers. (Q)
26. More super friendly rangers like J. Roskelley. (Q)
27. Interactive park officers would improve experience. (Q)
28. Great rangers and beautiful parks. (Q)
29. More security. (Q)
30. Please clean out parks of all drug activity. Please clean out all parks of vagrant and criminal activity. (Q)
31. Park rangers to enforce dog laws and drug and alcohol laws. (Q)
32. Frederick Street Park is a favorite of ours because there is almost always a super nice city park ranger there working on something, and whenever I see a ranger I rarely if ever see shenanigans going on in the park. (Q)
33. More kind rangers at the parks, and you might already be doing this. :). (Q)
34. The Rangers I have met are incredibly nice. Thank you for hiring such kind people. (Q)
35. Cleanliness, enforcement of rules, patrolling by security or police to curtail bad behavior. My husband and I have had horrible experiences of being yelled at or seeing drug sales and drug use every time we go to the park. When my niece visits, I will not take her to the park because it's not safe. I worry about my niece or my dogs stepping on needles. As a woman, I do not feel safe going to the park by myself. I go with my husband or a male friend. (Q)
36. No homeless settlements. (Q)
37. I visit the Beach Flats and Poets Park/Garden on a daily basis. I feel that there is not enough oversight of the drunks/drug addicts that take over the picnic tables and benches. (Q)
38. Men, women, and children who want to use the parks to play in and not step over vagrants passed out with needles sticking out of their arms. The tax-paying public is underserved. The homeless dirt bags who drink, smoke, camp, defecate, defile, and degrade our parks are seemingly doing just fine in their blissfully undisturbed state. I would love to be able to take my child into the bathroom without having to wait for at least 3 homeless drug addicts to finish shooting up, showering in the sink, and smoking a few cigarettes in the bathroom before leaving it a disgusting mess. I am SICK of all the homeless people allowed to sleep, smoke, drink, and deal drugs in the park. I am sick to death of it and feel very angry over the current state of our beautiful parks. (Q)
39. PATROL EVERY DAY AND NIGHT AND ENFORCE THE LAWS ALREADY ON THE BOOKS at San Lorenzo, Harvey West, and Pogonip and every park. (Q)
40. Keep the creeps and druggies out of the parks, esp. HWP, Pogonip, and San Lorenzo. It's ridiculous we can't run dogs off-leash at San Lorenzo bench lands, yet the druggies seem to be welcomed or at least tolerated there! (Q)
41. The main problem with Santa Cruz City Parks is lack of supervision and enforcement of existing laws. Aside from the lax enforcement of the leash law, in all honestly, I doubt that city officials would take their own children to Santa Cruz Parks like San Lorenzo Park. One day in the afternoon, I counted 25 vagrants sitting on the knoll about 30 feet from the children's play area. Harvey West Park is a sad example of vagrants taking over a beautiful open space, sleeping both in the bushes and in plain sight. How can anyone allow children to run and play there in such conditions? (Q)
42. Increase budget to provide: Supervision by Park Rangers!! (Q)
43. Law enforcement that actually does there job enforcing littering laws. (Q)
44. More patrolling for known gang members (Laurel & Sgt. Derby come to mind) homeless (Pogonip), etc. (Q)
45. Deter vagrants from dominating these shared spaces. (Q)
46. More enforcement of dog rules. (Q)
47. There is selective law enforcement in the flats; tourists are allowed to speed and litter, police use boardwalk parking lots for training that is loud violent and disruptive. Residents are treated like second class citizens. Street cleaning is random. It isn't right. Sick of the needles and trash and human excrement all over town, esp along the river, Lighthouse Field. Really prefer the dog friendly beaches and parks of Monterey County. Appalled by police on four wheelers along the beach and levees. Be real neighborhood police on foot and bicycle not macho, air and noise polluting show offs. (Q)
48. Enforce leash laws. Many of my elder neighbors are afraid to walk alone on beaches. Dogs before citizens? (Q)



49. My biggest concern is that existing parks need to have security guards on duty to keep them safe. As mentioned above, the safety issues. Many of the parks have been co-opted by drug users and the homeless. I don't blame the homeless because we need more facilities for them, but the propensity of drug users and needles makes the parks unsafe. (Q)
50. More monitoring to keep out the drug deals like happen in Ocean View Park. (Q)
51. Pogonip could really use some foot patrols again. Just to make their presence known. Lots of people walking around with dogs off leashes which I have seen coyotes freaking out because of this. For everyone's safety I think this needs to be enforced. Also I hike there regularly and recently almost got mowed down on the Spring Trail by a bicyclist. I hike around sunset. 4 to 6 times a week there. (Q)
52. More rangers walking AND handing out violations on the Spring Trail at Pogonip. Too many unleashed dogs & fast bicycles almost running hikers over. It's getting REALLY bad, especially late afternoon/early evenings. (Q)
53. Rangers that enforce the on-leash laws for dogs. My kids have been chased and terrorized by some of these off leash dogs. (Q)
54. Remove all the homeless from the parks - they camp, litter, and make the parks unsafe for hardworking citizens of Santa Cruz to use. (Q)
55. Keeping the homeless population out of city parks would be super great. (Q)
56. Loitering needs to be enforced. (Q)
57. How about we fund park and rec to do the job they want, allow them the manpower to clean up the place, get the police to do their part and kick the druggies and bums out. (Q)
58. Fence-in neighborhood parks. Safety like Grant Park. (D)
59. I think we could develop a cadre of "park hosts" who walk the parks during peak times to maintain a sense of safety and stability and whose presence would discourage illegal or inappropriate use. They would not need to have "authority" but could rather have information and a sense of cheer. Many decades ago parks and recreation departments were better funded and had lots of programs in the parks. Unlikely it seems that we could return to that age, where parents could leave their children to play. But perhaps volunteers could perform a useful function that might help recover the safety of that time. They could be provided with walkie talkies and trained to work with community policing groups. We can reclaim the streets and our public spaces with the goodwill of volunteers. As suggested in earlier "boxes" I would deploy cadres of the aforementioned volunteers to walk (not so much as "patrol") the riverfront, equipped with cellphones or walkie-talkies and trained to provide information. "volunteer naturalist" might provide information about waterfowl species or riverside vegetation. "Riverfront host" might be the category of volunteer. I think there are resources that could be deployed within this community that could help solve our budget challenges with a trained, effective presence in areas where simply a "presence" would prevent inappropriate behavior. With fear--often misplaced--taken out of the picture, access would be much much more. (Q)
60. More patrols around the parks, there are to many people doing drugs, selling drugs, having sex, going to the bathroom in public. (Q)
61. Having park rangers present, and feeling safe. More trash cans, dog poo bags, and less trash on the ground. (Q)
62. Start ticketing people who litter. (Q)
63. Post more signage to discourage littering. Give tickets to people who litter. Train rangers to pick up litter (Q)
64. Dirty beaches. Too few trash and recycling receptacles at most city parks and facilities. (Q)
65. In general, we need to set high standards and expectations for public behavior by all citizens and park users. We should not cater to or accommodate the lowest common denominator as regards selfish or anti-social behavior. (Q)
66. Also maybe more no smoking signs near the benches and picnic areas? With perhaps a "no marijuana smoking in public parks" addendum, too, because it seems like people think that MJ is exempt from the no smoking rule. Tyrrell Park's benches seem to attract all kinds of smokers as well as the picnic benches on the harbor side of Fred St. Park, for example. Anyway, I guess it's just a hard rule to enforce. I call people out on it when I can to help. (Q)
67. No smoking especially with the current water situation (Q)
68. Start ticketing people who litter. (Q)



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- 69. Post more signage to discourage littering. Give tickets to people who litter. Train rangers to pick up litter. (Q)
- 70. I would like to propose a designated smoking area down by the river away from the park. The smokers are sometimes close to the play area for children. This is wrong. Let's keep our beautiful parks free from cancer causing second hand cigarette smoke!!! I see that there are park rangers patrolling this park now. They could easily ask smokers to go to a designated smoking area. (L)

### CONNECTIONS AND CIRCULATION

- 1. More connected/designated walking trails through community that include interpretive signage (cultural, history, flora, fauna)- connect downtown to San Lorenzo River; Shade structures for longer birdwatching. (C)
- 2. Trails connecting downtown to river. (C)
- 3. Link downtown parks with beautification walkways that could easily go downtown (i.e. Neary Lagoon to Wilder Beach Preserve, Ocean Street Park and passing by downtown, pedestrian bridge over San Lorenzo to Ocean View, etc.). Pedestrian trail could follow the railroad to join Clinton Street corridor to the upper portion of harbor, then go into Frederick Street Park or Arana Gulch. (Q)
- 4. All connecting park pathways should always be open to cyclists, pedestrians; same for river levee & bridge over River to San Lorenzo Park; any closures should not apply to someone simply going through as transportation corridor. (Q)
- 5. Future parks should orient around planned transit services to reduce the need for auto travel. (Q)
- 6. More pedestrian linkages between green spaces and parks. Possibly gates in some fences. (Q)
- 7. I would like to see a pedestrian / bicycle path along the entire length of Broadway connecting Frederick Street to the San Lorenzo River levee trail. I would like the path to be set on one side of the road with lanes going in both directions. I would like it if the path were separated from the street with a physical divider and/or pylons next to all intersections. Beautification of the Broadway path would include trees and green lane markings. (Q)
- 8. If there were a city-wide network of bicycle paths which connect the major parks and beaches. (Q)

- 9. Safer, more clearly marked, and CLEANER bike paths and lanes throughout Santa Cruz. (Q)
- 10. We need to turn the rail in to a walking/biking/running trail. (Q)
- 11. Bike paths to the parks are the things I like. (Q)
- 12. Hopefully rail/trail will be completed to improve access for bikers though Santa Cruz. (Q)
- 13. Bike paths within the city, we need to be able to use our bikes rather than cars. (Q)
- 14. More paved bike paths connecting the east and west sides of town. (Q)
- 15. Link existing trails to create loops and multiple options for frequent hikers, runners or bikers. (Q)
- 16. A paved trail connecting this town so kids don't have to ride on our busy streets with tourist drivers who may not know the streets very well. (Q)
- 17. A paved trail on the rail line would allow people with disabilities, young children, the elderly to safely get around town without being in traffic. (Q)

### CULTURAL, ART, AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

- 1. Interpretive panels in each park that talks about historical aspects of that park. (D)
- 2. Love the informational signs at places like Natural Bridges. (Q)
- 3. More historical and interpretive signage. (C)
- 4. Murals at parks to cover ugly walls and make things more cheery. (C)
- 5. Free docent led walking tours - bird watching, history of Santa Cruz, history of river, history of Chinese, Gold Rush days, earthquake museum; More interactive art at low levels for children to touch. (C)
- 6. Art in the park - love when artists display their art in the parks! Maybe start at Westlake or Garfield Parks. Live music (classical, jazz - UCSC students, elementary through high school, professionals, etc.). (Q)
- 7. Art Art Art! bring it into the parks and get people to do it together. (Q)
- 8. Interactive public art. (Q)



9. Similarly, new or existing elements that speak to local history (like the signs about the old cable car along West Cliff/Bethany Curve) would be fantastic. (Q)
10. All of our parks need more public art. Many parks don't have any art at all. (Q)
11. More public art. (Q)

## **FUNDING AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY**

1. Increase funding for parks & Establish a parks endowment. (C)
2. Increase funding for parks & Establish a parks endowment. (C)



**B. SUMMARY COMMENTS REGARDING SPECIFIC PARKS**

**ARANA GULCH**

1. The improvements at Arana Gulch have been wonderful and serve many people with dedicated walking trails and an effective bicycle East West commuting link. (Q)
2. Post "No Bikes" sign at the entrance on the trail next to the wetlands. (C)
3. No bikes sign at entrance. (C)
4. Add sports field in northwest corner. (C)
5. More public access - cattle grates, stairs over fences, or alternating access with cows on fields. (C)
6. All traffic is funneled onto two narrow, busy paths. (C)
7. Recognize that tar plant is colonizer of disturbed areas and encourage succession of varied and rare coastal prairie ecosystem instead. (C)
8. The cows are a lovely addition. (D)
9. More cows please. (D)
10. Give back some of land taken from public. Allow people to walk through fields - install cow grates or allow public in fields when cows are in other fields. (C)
11. Wondering about carbon footprint of project - 14 months of heavy equipment spewing gasses - how will this be balanced? I observe many park users driving to the park too. (C)
12. Love the new Arana Gulch. Especially like the cows. (Q)
13. Arana Gulch Open Space/Natural Area has been destroyed by extensive pavement, fencing, benches, bridges and signs. What used to be a restful, quite natural Area has been turned into a busy urban park, with bicycles whizzing downhill, graffiti and homeless camps. (Q)
14. Take out the bridges. Take out the paving. Take out the fences. Use goats with goat herders instead of cattle to remove invasive plant species. Institute known procedures for endangered species management for the Santa Cruz Tarplant. Get rid of the Adaptive Management Working Group and hire one person who knows

- something about Coastal Prairie ecosystems to manage the restoration effort. (Q)
15. No new "elements" or facilities. Leave it like it was. (Q)
16. The City has ignored its obligation to maintain Arana Gulch as an Open Space/Natural Area, and instead has created an urban park in its place, that is poorly managed and inadequately maintained. (Q)
17. Arana Gulch has both positive and negative aspects. Good for bringing out more of the community to walk and observe nature. Not so good for nature, though--rather sanitized and over-signed. I hear there may be a plan to spray for poison oak. I think that could have very detrimental consequences for wildlife whose habitat includes that plant. If people are allergic, they can avoid the plant; animals cannot avoid the toxic spray and its effects on their nesting sites and food sources. (Q)
18. Signs at entry advising NO motor-powered vehicles. (Q)
19. Some bicyclists and skateboarders zoom through the Gulch at unsafe--and rude--speeds. (Q)
20. Love the new Arana Gulch walking trail. Great for seniors. (Q)
21. I live near Arana Gulch. I have used this greenbelt for many years for recreation and as a transportation route by foot and bicycle. I am pleased with the paved paths and bridges, as they make bicycle travel much easier, and I notice a lot more residents are now using the space. It is a big greenbelt space, and the limited development which satisfies transportation needs does not touch other parts that remain fairly wild and virtually inaccessible. (Q)
22. Please add back some of the unpaved walking trails. There are almost no options. Some cyclists still prefer to ride unpaved trails so on weekends everyone is crowded onto too few trails. (Q)
23. New Arana Gulch bike path is great. (Q)
24. I abhor what the City of Santa Cruz has wrought in Arana Gulch. I used to walk there several times a week. I can never go there again -- it breaks my heart. (Q)
25. I like the paths in Arana and the bike/pedestrian access that it provides. The sense of a greenbelt in between residential areas that also brings people together. I'm not so fond of the fenced off areas for cattle in the middle- wish it could be for deer instead. (Q)
26. Absolute standouts: Arana Gulch. (Q)



27. New sports field with youth and adult soccer as originally planned with sports field, playground, restroom, some picnic tables, trash receptacles, plus a gazebo type shelter over 2 to 4 tables. No lighting. New irrigation, drainage, and clubhouse. Permanent markers and striping. Investigate existing landfill dump (hidden under poison oak) on the south bank of the eastward bend in Lower Arana Gulch. (Q)

**ARROYO SECO**

1. Arroyo Seco Canyon. This canyon has many native flora & fauna that is choked out by blackberry, thistle, and other non-natives. Native grasses, oaks, bay, Monterey pine, redwood, and maple grow here. I see hawks, coyotes, & rabbits. (Q)
2. Sign the Grandview Street entrance as Public Access. (Q)

**BEACH FLATS COMMUNITY CENTER**

1. City sponsored events. a) Beach Flats Cleanups--- provide litter pick-up sticks, bags, gloves, flyer in English and Spanish for neighborhood participation. (Q)
2. Weekend use of the Beach Flats Community Center for senior citizens - Yoga, stretch, etc.-just like the Loudon Nelson's senior classes. (Q)
3. More activities for the teens/youth. Art/crafts; baton twirling, Zumba Y Mas classes, Zumba Kids, Flavors of Mexico picnics, Day of the Dead march and arts/crafts...Mariachi instruction, Citizenship Classes. (Q)
4. Little Library--Take/Leave a book.(Q)
5. Boy Scout/Girl Scout group for Beach Flats? (Q)
6. The Beach Flats Community has had their community center defunded, which caused their children's garden to go fallow, and without allowing new garden plots, there have been no new community gardeners in this vital space. After the whitewashing of their mural, and 20 years of the city and Parks and Rec doing nothing to provide a permanent garden, it would be nice now to make amends to this underserved community and work a trade with the Seaside Co. to ensure the entirety of this garden is kept, and not just two small plots that are 25% of the size at most.

**BEACH FLATS PARK**

1. Bar-b-Que pits at Beach Flats Park. (Q)
2. Allow for Jumpers (with permit) at Beach Flats and Poets Parks. (Q)
3. Bicycle racks and lockers. (Q)
4. To prevent tagging, a security camera would be nice and a wonderful detraction from minors trying to become wannabe gang bangers. (Q)
5. Parking is horrible, but if you want to encourage bike riding for regular transportation, you could provide bike racks for proper storage. (Q)
6. More City of Santa Cruz presence; a Park Leader, Park Aide. (Q)
7. There is a small building at Beach Flats park that used to be a bathroom. Why not reopen that to accommodate the storage of games. Like Foosball, table games, balls. (Q)
8. The water fountain is always in disrepair? Or is the water shut off? Not sure since no sign posting. (Q)
9. Every morning I see the Parks/Rec staff cleaning - they are very nice and approachable. They are so appreciated! (Q)
10. BF Park- BF Mural restoration and/or public process for new mural. Ideally, with Latino Heritage theme (in progress); Tot lot area needs to be accessible to public during designated times; All of the cross walks at the park need to be maintained. The park is dangerous for children who run back and forth and risk being hit by cars; A public posting area is needed at BF Park. (Q)

**BETHANY CURVE**

1. Good birding area. Many warblers during migration season - could be site of annual warbler festival. (C)
2. Add interpretive signage about birds and trees. (C)
3. Add interpretive signage about birds and trees. (C)
4. Lovely secluded spot. (C)
5. Bethany Curve, Trescony Gardens (great just need support). (Q)
6. Bathrooms. (Q)
7. Water fountains for dogs and people. (Q)



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### BRANCIFORTE DOG PARK

1. More plants and running space for dogs. (C)
2. Turn this into a grass park. (C)
3. Sign Saying Dog Park. (D)
4. Garbage/poop bags. Benches. (D)
5. In addition, the dog park can be improved with more dog features, such as large and small dog areas, and play features, jumps, ramps, etc. (Q)
6. Trees/Shade needed at the dog park. (Q)
7. Sometimes we pick up 3 bags full. Is there any way to remind dog owners to be more responsible??? Also at times there are vehicles parked at the fire road entrance and a lot of garbage is noted. What is the time limit for parking in that area? (Q)

### CENTRAL PARK

1. Turn grass area into basketball court. (C)
2. Picnic tables. (D)

### CHESTNUT PARK

1. Fitness elements, BBQ area & picnic expansion at Chestnut Street entrance. (C)

### CITIZENS OPPORTUNITY SENIOR CENTER

1. Wonderful & beloved community resource bringing together people of all ages. (C)
2. Sell it for housing. (C)

### CIVIC AUDITORIUM

1. Provide more comfortable seats. (C)
2. Make seating more stadium style for better visibility from all rows. (C)
3. Provide railings on steep steps for safety. (C)
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5. More top-notch entertainment venue - allow more popular artists to perform here. (C)

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7. Build restaurant or bar on roof of Civic for year-round revenue and capitalize on the amazing panoramic view up there. (D)
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9. New parking lot lights. (D)
10. Paint job on Civic. (D)
11. Solar garbage around City Hall and Civic. (D)
12. New sound and lights. (D)
13. New electronic events Marquee. (D)
14. Accessible designated entrance (so not cutting through people in will call once enter building); Have permanent ADA designated seating (keeps changing). (C)
15. The Civic has the potential to be a stellar facility. (Q)

### COWELL BEACH

1. Re-direct Neary Lagoon outflow pipe. (C)
2. Clean-up beach. (C)
3. Stop draining street water into Cowell Beach. (C)
4. Establish a beach playground. (C)
5. Establish a beach playground. (C)
6. Improve accessibility for wheelchair users (more than once a year). (C)
7. Unfortunate location of restrooms. (C)
8. No more volleyball courts here - plenty at Main Beach, (C)
9. Add bike racks instead of ice plant. (C)
10. Add bike racks instead of ice plant. (C)
11. New restrooms with community room. (D)
12. New restrooms with community room. (D)
13. Remove current shower & storage area to improve aesthetics in area; provide recreational facilities for young families; More playground equipment, Restrooms, Historical Signage; Keep up the good work! (C)
14. Add bike lockers for Little and Junior Lifeguards. (C)
15. Currently, they connect over 200 sheets of plywood together to create platform down to beach. Each year, many complaints about City's uneven/bumpy platforms that are over 20 years old and are





hurtful to users - has negative impact on event. Replace existing platforms with newer ones that have smoother joints (can recommend if contact him; Generally more accessibility to beaches and increased ADA parking; Contact me to consult about ADA issues (have done this nationally): foster@sharedadventures.org, www.sharedadventures.org & www.scaccessguide.com. (C)

16. Put up signs to let people know of the poor water quality. (Q)
17. Yoga or Pilates. (Q)
18. Do daily sweeps for needles in the sand, especially during Junior Guards. (Q)
19. I would like to see the restrooms upgraded. (Q)
20. Is there any way to curb the pollution? It's the dirtiest beach on the whole coast of California, isn't it? There must be some way to lower bacteria levels. (Q)
21. Clean it up so it's the cleanest, not the dirtiest beach. Should be a point of pride and just plain economics common sense to a tourist town with Boardwalk and Wharf sitting on the dirtiest beach. It is a beautiful beach, small but significant and historic. It deserves to be clean and respected. It needs to have a community forum about how to clean it, like with the water forums. (Q)
22. Cowell Beach needs cleaner water. #1 dirtiest beach in CA. Need to invest in families and the environment. (Q)
23. Stay open 24 hours a day - they are our beaches! (C)
24. Clean beaches up. (C)

**DELAVEAGA PARK – AUDREY STANLEY GROVE**

1. Develop abandoned stroke center area. (D)

**DELAVEAGA PARK – DELAVEAGA ARCHERY RANGE**

1. Start free weekend archery classes. (C)
2. Start free weekend archery classes. (C)
3. Needs better publicity - didn't know it existed. (C)
4. More public input about this facility. No one knows it exists. (D)
5. More public input about this facility. No one knows it exists. (D)
6. Public access? Should it be open to all not just a club. (D)
7. Reopen shooting (pistol) range w/ lead traps. (D)
8. Reopen shooting (pistol) range w/ lead traps. (D)

**DELAVEAGA PARK – DELAVEAGA DISC GOLF COURSE**

1. Dogs should be allowed off-leash here. (C)
2. Cheaper or free parking here. (C)
3. Less disc golf - dangerous to hikers, bad for habitat, and destroys trees. (C)
4. Great facility! (C)
5. Hole maps at tee pads. (D)
6. Make the parking free. As a resident of the area, it used to be. (Q)

**DELAVEAGA PARK – DELAVEAGA GOLF COURSE**

1. Clubhouse outdated. (C)
2. Women's restroom in poor condition. (C)
3. Too water wasteful and elitist - should privatize unless very profitable. (C)
4. Since golf is not important according to phone survey, City should give course to private vendor or transition to an open space preserve area. (D)
5. Remodel lodge and pro shop building. (D)
6. Need more staff. (D)
7. Tear down the existing clubhouse and start over - be bold, time for quality facility. Handicapped restroom very poor - bad lighting and difficult to use. Solo-rider golf cart often not charged and available for disabled golfers or doesn't last 18 holes.
8. Tear the clubhouse down - it's an embarrassment. Restrooms difficult to get into or turn around inside, stink. Hesitate to invite others.; New clubhouse to match the beauty of the course; Used to have 2500 active members, now fewer than 200 while other courses with beautiful/modern clubhouses (i.e. Seascape, Black Horse, Bayonet, Pacific Grove) are always busy. I would support a bond measure or parcel tax. I would be happy to serve on a community task force. This course could be profitable again! (C)
9. Concern about watering of golf course and overspray or leaking. I run 3-4 times a week, along the upper trail below the golf course and notice wet, muddy areas. They could be slippery for some too. With our current water situation this seems to be a waste of water. Are there any plans to use reclaimed water? (Q)



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### DELAVEAGA PARK – LOWER DELAVEAGA PARK AND GEORGE WASHINGTON GROVE

1. Bus line or bike lane to access beautiful park. (C)
2. Create additional parking for DeLaveaga at Lower Park at GW. Perhaps an overflow lot on the B-40 side of the creek where the covered bridge used to connect at GW. (D)
3. Rebuild the covered bridge at GW. (D)
4. I love DeLaveaga picnic area, soccer and baseball field. (Q)
5. DLV ball fields, picnic areas, and meadow, DLV golf course ♥ ☐. (Q)
6. DeLaveaga bocce courts. Beautiful! (Q)
7. Park ranger substation. Too many off-leash dogs, vehicles speeding, smoking is a real problem, alcohol consumption, drug dealers doing business all day at GW. (D)
8. Tall fence around ball fields. (D)
9. Evaluate softball fees and cleaning of porta-potties more frequently or check them between games. (D)
10. Identify overflow parking options. (D)
11. More poison oak control. (D)
12. Concession at DeLaveaga for park patrons and ball fields to generate revenue and serve the remote site. (D)
13. Place covered bridge from Washington Park to the rental sites and Lower DeLaveaga. (C)
14. Please paint the soccer field in the middle every few months. (Q)
15. Improve restrooms, always dirty. Pick-up garbage more regularly. (Q)
16. Install shade canopy/rest area. (Q)
17. Remove the speed bumps in the parking lot. (Q)
18. No additional features needed. (Q)
19. Fence separating the creek. (Q)
20. The yellow jackets are returning too! (Q)
21. Completely renovate lower meadow and create an adult size field with new irrigation and drainage, lighting, changing facility, and ideally a clubhouse with indoor outdoor cooking and shower room. Allow rugby practice. Install permanent markers and striping. In-ground anchors for goals and goal posts. Keep rain/wind 3-sided shelter available for bad weather. Utilize area runoff & 90% recycled materials. (Q)

### DELAVEAGA PARK - WILDERNESS AREA

1. Love this nature-friendly park. (C)
2. Love all the trail improvements at DeLaveaga over the past several years. (Q)
3. The trails of DeLaveaga stand out in a positive way. (Q)
4. Expand the unfenced, off-leash dog park area just beyond sand pit area. Open south trails to off-leash dog use. Look to Monterey County's Garland Ranch Park as a model. (Q)
5. Enforce leash laws on trails. (C)
6. Illegal camping taking place - unsettling, scary to see remains of campsites when hiking here. (C)
7. Add trail from archery range to disc golf course through mixed forest (one of most varied biosystems in all of parks). (C)
8. Have cows here with ice cream stand. (C)
9. Restroom facilities. (D)
10. Build a mountain bike-specific trail. Separate hikers and bikers. 1-2 more sustainably built trails. (Q)
11. Also, poison oak removal is important. (Q)
12. DeLaveaga Park is great but there is definitely room to build more mountain biking trails. (Q)
13. In DeLaveaga Park, I'd love a few trails specifically for mountain bikes. It is a very popular hiking spot. (Q)
14. DeLaveaga could use more mountain bike trails. (Q)
15. More poison oak removal! I avoid many trails in Wilder Ranch and some areas in DeLaveaga because the poison oak is so thick. (Q)
16. Add one or two trails specifically for mountain bikes and make the trails one-way. (Q)
17. More mtn bike trails in DeLaveaga. (Q)
18. More mtn. bike trails, marked and maintained. (Q)
19. Poor trail conditions at DeLaveaga Park. (Q)
20. More bike trails. (Q)
21. More multi-use trails in DeLaveaga Park-perhaps adding some along the Prospect Hts side? (Q)
22. Better trail maintenance. (Q)
23. Make actual mountain bike trails. The trails there are weak and riders do not like this location because the trails suck. This location could be a great place to ride and cater to the industry with the golf course area. (Q)



24. I'd love to see more mountain biking trails in parks like DeLaveaga. Dirt jump and pump tracks at parks would also be nice. (Q)
25. My first suggestion is to place a plaque similar to those in Arana Gulch area describing the former zoo, its usage etc and photos of that time. I have sources that have access to these photos plus know several people who actually experienced the joy of the area. Along with this a clean out of the area to reveal the old structure. Second, an event to open the area for exploration to the public, such as a picnic etc with donations accepted for continued exploration. A drive to purchase an old trolley (or new such as downtown has) to be placed at the entrance as a mini museum showing what happened in this area. ( i.e. horse race took place down Branciforte Ave as it is the longest straight street in Santa Cruz.) Third: The complete excavation of the site with markers for the old cages etc. I understand there was a stage and the community enjoyed performances onstage. the entrance was an arbor with many roses and vines. The large boulder on the road was the turntable for the trolley.
26. New mtn bike trail addition from top of the world through the frisbee golf course parking lot and then into the forested area between the old road to the archery range and the golf course hole above it. Trail goes in forest above the archery range and comes out in the neighborhoods. (Q)
27. I think the trails in DeLaveaga are outstanding just the way they are. Please DON'T dumb them down by removing roots, rocks, steep sections, and places where you might have to push your bike. There is very little erosion and the texture and interest of the trail surface is something I very much LOVE and cherish. I also LOVE that I can bring my dog on a ride with me there. This is my favorite place to ride in the whole area because of these two things! (Q)
28. It would be nice to have a way to loop from top of the world down to the parking area by the disc golf, and then cut across the golf course to get back into the trail system. Thanks for keeping it open to dogs and bikes! (Q)
29. DeLaveaga bike trails expanded. (Q)
30. More mountain bike trails. (Q)
31. I believe that there is a great opportunity to add additional multi-use trails at DeLaveaga Park. Specifically to link existing trails to

create connections between the North and South trails and fire roads much like the Park Way connecting trail. (Q)

32. Please rework and add more mountain biking trails to the park, including benches, signage, and of course addition and modified trails. Yes, please add more biking trails and rework the existing trails as well. (Q)
33. Easier trails to the top for bikers. More trails. (Q)
34. Great work at DeLaveaga on the trails - thanks!!!! (Q)
35. Expand DeLaveaga off-leash area to south trails. (Q)
36. The maintenance work by Ace and Americorp is fabulous. They cut back the poison oak encroaching the trails and leveled the trails too. (Q)

#### DEPOT PARK FREIGHT BUILDING

1. I recently used the building for a meeting and was surprised to find so much clutter on the north side of the room along with so much equipment stored in the storage room preventing easy access to the tables and chairs and cleaning supplies. For meetings a wall or ceiling drop down projection screen would be a nice addition for meetings. (Q)

#### DEPOT PARK, FUNSPOT BIKE PARK, AND SCOTT KENNEDY FIELDS

1. No more artificial turf for kids play - check EPA change of position. (C)
2. Make a dirt pump track. (D)
3. Add lights to allow for evening play on soccer fields; Love the recently renovated artificial turf. (C)
4. The spinning 3 pronged chairs at Depot Park need to be maintained. (Q)
5. More regular maintenance at Fun Spot. Improvements to 1/2 pipe in both construction and design. Thanks for removing the spine! (Q)
6. Remove the TOXIC fill and replace with non-toxic fill. I know that the fake grass is here to stay, but the tire pellets are toxic and we have documentation to prove it. (Q)
7. City (or railroad) equipment yard adjacent to Depot Park looks pretty trashy. That area gets enough litter and abuse by some



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people and the owner of that equipment yard is not setting a good example.

8. Dangerous pavement to ride on, unsafe wood deteriorating. The Santa Cruz Bike Park is not a good representation of Santa Cruz, CA. (Q)
9. I like the wheel-go-round at Depot park. (Q)
10. Permanent cement park. Use current location and make an amazing attraction for cyclists of all kinds to enjoy the current space available. Thank you for building and keeping it running til it's current time but it needs help. Make it permanent, fun and exciting for BMX and MTB alike. (Q)
11. Depot park soccer field is a huge benefit to the community but it really needs lights for evening games and to keep the area safe at night. (Q)

### DOWNTOWN

1. Keep beggars off of this street. (C)
2. Provide cultural walks. (C)
3. Add parklets downtown. (C)
4. Make into a pedestrian mall (especially in front of Del Mar Theater without losing too much parking). (C)
5. Make into a pedestrian mall (especially in front of Del Mar Theater without losing too much parking). (C)
6. Make into a pedestrian mall (especially in front of Del Mar Theater without losing too much parking). (C)
7. Privatize and clean up downtown. (C)
8. Close to traffic after 10 a.m. to allow for deliveries. (D)
9. No traffic. (D)
10. Require businesses and bars to post cigarette butt containers instead of on the street. (D)
11. Close to vehicle traffic once a week or so. (D)
12. Fence-off under west cliff trestle. (D)
13. Changing B-40, Mission middle and Depot Pk. back to grass would be an awesome improvement in the quality of my daughter's soccer life and the life of all young people. (I understand city only controls Depot site...but please, NO more artificial turf. Leads to headaches and staff infections from turf burns. (Q)

14. After our last serious earthquake, a few decades ago, Santa Cruz undertook a serious study on what to plan and what to build and how to build it. The city screwed this study up. They should almost certainly have turned the whole Pacific Mall into a Pedestrian Mall, just like they have in Buenos Aires, Lisbon, Barcelona, Copenhagen, London, Amsterdam, Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, St. Paul (MN), Boulder (CO), Monterrey (YES, OUR VERY OWN MONTERREY JUST ACROSS THE BAY) and MANY DOZENS of other cities all around the world. This turned out to be impossible because those who owned or operated the stores and restaurants on the Pacific Mall had brainwashed themselves into believing that unless people could park their automobile (or motorcycle or RV or whatever) right in front of their business street address, their business would go belly-up. (L)

### EL PORTAL PARK

1. Add grass and lighting. (C)
2. Let people use this park. (C)

### FREDERICK STREET PARK

1. Frederick Street Park has a nice mix of facilities for a range of users. (C)
2. Improve the existing skatepark - currently poorly maintained. (C)
3. Improve the existing skatepark - currently poorly maintained. (C)
4. Improve the existing skatepark - currently poorly maintained. (C)
5. Off-leash dog area should be fenced (currently go everywhere including playground). (C)
6. Off-leash dog area should be fenced (currently go everywhere including playground). (C)
7. New stairs to the harbor. (D)
8. The stair project has been completed. (D)
9. New drainage in picnic area and new tables. (D)
10. Off-leash dog situation out of control: Install a fence to enclose the off-leash dog area; Enhance signage to remind dog owners to keep dogs leashed outside of enclosed areas; Enforce the leash law. (L)
11. Frederick Street Park - dog area needs to be fenced in and additional dog bag stations added to keep waste from grass. (Q)



12. Frederick Street Park- Needs a gate by Harbor. (Q)
13. Add skatepark. (Mini bowl. Street course. No fences.). (Q)
14. Add skatepark. (Mini bowl. Street course. No fences.). (Q)
15. Improve benches, more. (Q)
16. Improve benches, more. (Q)
17. Improve benches, more. (Q)
18. Dogs off-leash. (Q)
19. Safety and sanitary conditions. (Q)
20. Repave the skatepark. It is rough and hard to skate. (Q)
21. Repave the skatepark. It is rough and hard to skate. (Q)
22. Water fountain improvements. (Q)
23. Water fountain improvements. (Q)
24. Rehab volleyball court. (Q)
25. A fence behind the skate bowl to keep kids and skateboards from going down the hill. (Q)
26. More swings and slides. (Q)
27. Maybe a sand pit. (Q)
28. Cleaner bathrooms. (Q)
29. Bigger water fountain for teens/adults. (Q)
30. Make it bigger. (Q)
31. Replace asphalt with rubber in case children fall. (Q)
32. Don't ad sand back to the playground. (Q)
33. A fence to prevent dogs from the BBQ/picnic areas. (Q)
34. Making the skate bowl larger like it was 30 years ago. (Q)
35. Sandpit for dogs. (Q)
36. New fence at Frederick St hinders field sports. (Q)
37. Frederick park: complete fencing to block off the road on one end, and the family BBQ area on the other. This would result in safer dog area and less interference with families who are trying to have a nice BBQ. (Q)
38. We so appreciate Jordan and the fact that we have such a guy to keep the park as nice as it is. (Q)
39. There are lots of fox tails this year, don't know if anything can be done about that. (Q)
40. Frederick Street Park most always has a ranger there. (Like). (Q)
41. Frederick St. Park has SO many different user group amenities. It is perfect for my toddler and my dog. (Q)

42. Build additional skate facilities at Frederick Street Park. Not a large scale destination park like Mark Fox Park. Maybe a mini bowl and a street course (or a mix of the two) that local kids can safely walk or ride bikes to. Preferably without fences. Skateboarding is a growing sport and a big part of Santa Cruz's culture. This town would benefit from more safe, accessible, neighborhood skate facilities for local kids. (Q)
43. Frederick St. Park: fence the dog area. (Q)
44. Refurb plan at Frederick St. (Q)
45. Frederick Street Park started a dog "area" several years ago. This area has pretty much taken over the park with dogs running loose. I would like to see a fenced-in dog area much like have been put together at the bottom of Broadway and on Branciforte Drive near DeLaveaga Park. Dogs would be contained and no longer a menace. (Q)
46. Love the Ocean View and Frederick Street park play structures. (Q)
47. I like the new fence up at Frederick Street Park and the new toddler playground structure @ Frederick Street. (Q)
48. Full-size improved sports field with amenities. (Q)
49. Fence dog area. (C)

**GARFIELD PARK**

1. Upgrade equipment. (C)
2. Redo play area. (D)
3. Generally, I think the City parks do amazingly well with limited resources. I'd like to see the BBQs at Garfield Park removed since they primarily attract adult camper use rather than kids and the smoke from the fires often blow directly into the kids play areas. (Q)
4. Maintenance at Garfield Park. (Q)
5. Designate a "child safe" park with zero tolerance and presence of homeless issues (sleeping, needles, and urination). (Q)
6. Love the basketball courts at Garfield Park. (Q)
7. Some more lighting. Possibly motion detector lights to prevent or thwart illegal activities. (Q)
8. Maybe a fenced in area for smaller kids (infants). (Q)
9. Pool? (Q)
10. Monkey bars. (Q)



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11. Monkey bars. (Q)
12. Safety. There are often broken glass and dirty needles or people parked hanging out and it feels unsafe. (Q)
13. Safety. There are often broken glass and dirty needles or people parked hanging out and it feels unsafe. (Q)
14. Skateboard park. (Q)
15. More employed maintenance workers keeping the area clean. (Q)
16. I love Garfield but it often feels sketchy here so I tend to avoid it. (Q)
17. Another basketball court. (Q)
18. More water fountains. (Q)
19. Pump track. (Q)
20. Pump track. (Q)
21. More swings. (Q)
22. More swings. (Q)
23. Place sand in the play areas. (Q)

### GRANT PARK

1. Appreciating increased patrols, presence, and dog area. (D)
2. Less crazy people, more rangers. (Q)
3. Frederick Street Park has a nice mix of facilities for a range of users. (C)
4. Lock gate at night. (Q)
5. Cleaner restroom. (Q)
6. Put man-gate next to baseball field at Grant Street Park. (Q)
7. A toddler swing at Grant Park. (Q)
8. Grant Street Park - a great park. (Q)
9. New Grant St bocce court. Brilliant! (Q)
10. The climbing rock at Grant Street Park is very nice. (Q)
11. We need more pedestrian crossings near parks. Grant Park especially needs a pedestrian cross walk to help kids get safely across that busy street (or speed humps). (Q)
12. New bathrooms at Grant Street Park. (Q)

### HARVEY WEST CLUBHOUSE

1. Make available and add facilities for table tennis. (C)
2. Make available and add facilities for table tennis. (C)

3. Establish an on-site ranger. (C)
4. Should be safer, calmer space - too many scary, aggressive people now. (C)

### HARVEY WEST PARK

1. Add a dog park. (C)
2. Large homeless population - not safe for kids and families. (C)
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4. Large homeless population - not safe for kids and families. (C)
5. Ban RV parking. (C)
6. Ban RV parking. (C)
7. Add a trail from Spring Street to park. (C)
8. Is there room for another baseball field?. (C)
9. Better lighting on the sports fields. (C)
10. Schedule food trucks in Spring and Summer (similar to "Off the Grid" in SF and "Moveable Feast" in San Jose). (C)
11. Redo horseshoe pits. (D)
12. Redo horseshoe pits. (D)
13. Restroom facilities are needed or more porta-potties cleaned prior to softball and soccer use. (D)
14. Pump track next to friendship. (D)
15. Make the train safe for kids to play again. (D)
16. Dog park. (D)
17. A permanent snack food booth not serving just junk food or regular food truck service. (Penny Ice Cream might be interested.) (C)
18. Add another field. Benches on field #1 need repair; Another bathroom by the Pony Field. More trash and recycling cans; Thank you for adding additional security - it has helped with the homeless situation. Work with schools (including UCSC) to coordinate scheduling & field usage. I don't think allowing UCSC rugby teams onto fields is best for field health and longevity. (C)
19. Dog Park at Harvey West Park. (C)
20. Activities for the winter time to help discourage homeless. More Mommy and me classes during the days. (Q)
21. Restore the train, more hiking trails and dog-friendly areas, more sports opportunities (organized groups and space), more children's camps. (Q)



22. The bathrooms for the ballfields are not great and its not ideal to send kids into them when there is significant homeless activity. (Q)
23. Later and more frequent ranger patrol. (Q)
24. YMCA level services - childcare and education about obesity problem, preventative care through exercise programs. (Q)
25. With companies and schools like Plantronics and Kirby in the area, fundraising and sponsorship for a new athletic complex here or on West side on city. (Q)
26. Fenced-in dog park, additional ball fields, more restrooms on East (cemetery) side of park. (Q)
27. Activate the park in baseball off season. (Q)
28. More restroom access. (Q)
29. I work here and leaving after 6pm is not the best. Having rangers later would help. (Q)
30. Open Harvey West Pool, esp in the spring and summer, to allow swimming options on the West Side. Simpkins is too far for many to come, and swimming is a very popular--and growing--sport. We have the facility; what a shame not to use it to its fullest potential. (Q)
31. Harvey West is a BEAUTIFUL place but it's overrun with unsavory characters that make it difficult for families to want to be there. (Q)
32. The change I'd want after the pool is open is to reduce the maintenance needs for the Park. If the wide lawns could be replaced by a more drought tolerant landscape, it would improve the pool experience by not having the lawn mower running near the pool. (Q)
33. Please get rid of (place in permanent storage) the embarrassing carvings of Native Americans at Harvey West Park. They are racist and worse. I cringe every time I get up the courage to see if they are still there. (Q)
34. Harvey West - campers, needles, homeless using the woods for bathroom. rampant open drug use. (Q)
35. Harvey West Park: get the vagrants out of the bushes and off the grass. (Q)
36. Harvey West park has homeless issues. My children cannot go in the bathrooms alone and my wife does not feel safe. (Q)
37. Harvey West ball fields are great. (Q)

38. I like the train and trees (when not filled with homeless) at Harvey West. (Q)
39. It would be great to have more options for swim lessons for low-income families (like we used to have at Harvey West pool). It would be wonderful if every kid in Santa Cruz had a chance to learn to swim. I know in Fort Bragg every second grader takes swim lessons through parks & recreation. (Q)

### HARVEY WEST POOL

1. Open year-round and longer hours to City residents. (C)
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4. Open year-round and longer hours to City residents. (C)
5. Open year-round and longer hours to City residents. (C)
6. Open year-round and longer hours to City residents. (C)
7. Explore ideas for tennis swim center. Eliminate a portion of friendship and work with outside investors. (D)
8. Open pool year-round or at least through October. (D)
9. Open pool year-round or at least through October. (D)
10. Open pool year-round or at least through October. (D)
11. Change management. (D)
12. Better trained lifeguards. (D)
13. Open year-round; With all the great parks & interests of the community that we have/maintain/build, more than disappointing that don't have City pool. (C)
14. Open for several months on shoulders of summer - definitely through October when weather is best. Don't assume people want to swim in ocean. Have more free swim hours, not just lap swimming. (C)
15. Open city pool. (C)
16. Keep Harvey West Pool open all year especially weekend and longer/late hours on weekend at Simpkins Family Pool, especially adult lap swimming. (Q)
17. Better use of this property with an indoor building and gym facility would be a great addition - similar to Monterey's Family Swim & Recreation Complex. Indoor space for teaching and classes. (Q)
18. Pool open year-round. (Q)



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19. Open up Harvey West Pool to the public for recreational swim and add lounge chairs and snack shack for parents to hang out. Think of movie "The Sandlot." (Q)
20. Very clean, well-maintained facility that needs to be opened back up to the public. (Q)
21. I want Harvey West pool to open again year-around. I will swim there regularly, to help pay for keeping it open. It is a beautiful pool, and to have it unused seems like such a waste. (Q)
22. My main issue is opening the pool year-round. For me the Harvey West Pool is an amazing thing. When it was open, I'd bring guests and they said it was the nicest pool they had ever visited. I love that Jim Booth has opened the pool for the summer. But we need to exercise year-round, and the private pools (24-hour, in-shape, simpkins) are over-crowded. Open year-round, with good hours every day. Keep it clean (which it was in the past when the city was running it). This is already a heavily used park, and it may be that it needs more supervision with all those users there. (Q)
23. Swimmers. Need more pools, and to keep Harvey West Pool open year-round with consistent hours. (Q)
24. I want the pool to be open year-round, enough hours that I can swim at some time when the skin cancer danger is less than it is at noon. (Q)
25. Harvey West Pool is great. (Q)
26. City Pool was a loss to community. (Q)

### ITS BEACH

1. Make this off-leash dog area. (C)
2. Enforce leash law. (C)
3. Enforce leash law. (C)
4. Add dog bags station. (C)
5. Change name back to Dog Beach (other comment says name was never Dog Beach). (C)
6. This is a state park beach - not sure why included here. (C)
7. Enforce and tighten regulations about dogs impacting the ecology of this special place. Many out of towers bring their animals and have little consciousness of the consequences of dogs. Peeing, chasing birds and defecating on the beach. (Q)

8. The City-owned portion of Its Beach closest to the lighthouse should be protected from all dogs as the muni code specifies. People who want a dog-free beach experience along W. Cliff Dr. are under-served by the fact that the City doesn't manage its portion of the beach while State Parks has given up on enforcing the on-leash-only rules on its portion of the beach. (Q)
9. Lifeguard services would be nice. It would encourage more people with children to go there. Also it would discourage the people who violate the leash laws from going there. (Q)
10. Return to City for management and allow for off-leash dog use. (Q)

### JESSIE STREET MARSH

1. Needs urgent stewardship (neglected & abused as wetland). (C)
2. Remove landfill portion that prevents natural tidal flow of creek into ocean. (C)
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4. Remove landfill portion that prevents natural tidal flow of creek into ocean. (C)
5. Restore and maintain the marsh. (C)
6. Restore and maintain the marsh. (C)
7. Restore and maintain the marsh. (C)
8. Encourage native plants and bird habitat. (C)
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10. Add welcome signage/archway over Jessie Street Alley. (C)
11. Implement Jessie Street Marsh Plan (overlooks, split-rail fence to delineate human areas). (C)
12. Implement Jessie Street Marsh Plan (overlooks, split-rail fence to delineate human areas). (C)
13. Interpretive signage (saltwater marsh flow, plant, frog, bird information, etc.). (C)
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15. Never heard of it. Access? (D)
16. Remove landfill "plug" and allow creek to flow naturally into ocean so precious lagoon habitat could be restored. Interpretive panels. Connect Riverwalk to Lagoon. Work with schools to do restoration. (C)





17. Clean up water area - currently full of beach calls, sludge, and trash. (C)
18. Could get community & residents & clubs (bird club) involved to do clean-up - good PR. (C)
19. Implement existing Jessie Street Marsh Restoration Plan (hydrology, native vegetation (city has been cutting/removing), wildlife islands, split rail fences); Connection with the basketball court in Ocean View Park needs to be reestablished (good for kids & parents); interpretive signs so people know it is valuable; Do NOT fragment it with criss-crossing trails; Work with everyone in community. (C)
20. Return to natural marsh; Interpretive signage, similar to Neary Lagoon; Follow plan approved over a decade ago - natural state of marsh would decrease crime and improve neighborhood. (C)
21. More attractive barrier, Interpretive signage on Barson Street, Re-contour to provide more open water and islands for birds, Restore saltwater flow, Attractive native planting; Interpretive signage along trail with stations - accompany with brochure or phone application; No trails in water/habitat area. (C)
22. Implement the goals of the 1998 Jessie Street Marsh Management Plan (Focus on procuring grant funding; Return focus to this unique resource and how to enhance it, not just deal with illegal activities). (L)
23. I would love the lower marsh area to be put to use to create positive traffic flow. Pump track? (Q)
24. Again, it is a safety issue. Drug users hang out in the marsh and the eucalyptus trees. With the current draught, it is even worse due to the extreme fire danger. (Q)
25. Replicate West Lake pond in portion of Jesse St. marsh bordering east cliff dr.
26. The Jesse Street Marsh should be maintained as a model salt-freshwater marsh. If the city took care of it (instead of wanting to pave it over with granite paths) it could be a model of urban environmentalism and attract a lot more birds, and plant life than it does now.

### JOHN FRANKS PARK

1. John Franks park at Marnell and Fairmount really needs updated swings and equipment, including for older kids. (Q)
2. An interesting or unique climbing structure would help. (Q)
3. Swings for bigger kids would be great. (Q)
4. A bathroom would be a good idea. (Q)
5. Another table. (Q)
6. Since the regular swings were removed several years ago (I wish you would bring one back), John D. Franks Park needs the addition of more play equipment that caters to 5-10 year olds, such as a climbing wall. Something that can challenge and hold interest longer. Right now it's pretty good for toddler and Pre-K but there are plenty of other kids in the neighborhood. (Q)
7. It would be nice if Franks Park could include an adult fitness station with a few things to do. (Q)
8. Bathroom needed at Frank Park. Though it's a neighborhood park, potty training children (the age most perfect for this park) need an easily accessible bathroom facility. (Q)
9. Bathroom. (Q)
10. I like the small intimate neighborhood experience at Frank. (Q)
11. John Franks needs a bathroom. (Q)

### KEN WORMHOUDT SKATEPARK AND MIKE FOX PARK

1. Pool coping needs serious repairs. (C)
2. Skate Park could use updating. (C)
3. Most used park in system - expand into tennis court. (C)
4. Add lighting to extend winter hours. (C)
5. Allow different events such as live music or skate tournaments. (C)
6. Add porta-potty or restroom. (C)
7. New pool coping please. (D)
8. Expand park so that there is more room and less crowd. Bigger is better. (Q)
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10. Refurbish pool coping blocks. (Q)
11. More transitions (big ramps). (Q)



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12. Less tweakers and drug deals happening at Mark Fox Park. Almost every time I am there I see handoffs/transactions taking place. People (not skaters) pop in off the levy or from the flats and use the facility to buy/sell. They meet on the bleachers, up on the ledge by the bowls, and between fences. Many parents are reluctant to let their kids skate at Mark Fox Park because of this activity. (Q)
13. Santa Cruz Skate Park is kept clean often which is awesome!! So is Jose skate park ever since the fence was put up. The Santa Cruz parks are as well beautiful! (Q)

### LA BARRANCA PARK

1. Make La Barranca a demonstration garden using recycled WWTP water. Replace turf area w/walking paths, benches, and drought tolerant plants. (D)

### LAUREL PARK

1. Gratuity to play music in the park. (D)
2. Gratuity to play music in the park. (D)
3. Outside bathrooms. (D)
4. Permanent Ranger. (D)
5. Exercise course. (D)
6. More deterrents to loitering, public drug use, and crime, especially at pedestrian bridges and path under Hwy 1. (D)
7. Change playground from wood chips to something softer and safer, Provide police patrols to walk and keep eye on teens, those smoking weed, and parked cars around park; Picnic tables, water play for kids in summer time. (C)
8. More events and things to do (competitions, carnivals, etc.); Like the security around Community Center and hope there is security in other parks. Always kind & friendly. (C)
9. The new structures at Louden Nelson Park (the webbing and seesaw thing) are interesting but ultimately not especially fun for kids to use. Also, not enough swings. And the seesaw thing is weird and not kid friendly at all! Parents always have to monitor/assist. (Q)
10. Volleyball nets for the lawn area. (Q)
11. Picnic tables. (Q)

12. City staff should coordinate as many activities as possible. (Q)
13. Fence or gate fully surrounding cleaner park (cigarette butts, drug dealing. (Q)
14. Don't feel comfortable with the adult activity surrounding the park. Cleanliness. (Q)
15. Somehow keep addiction group folks separate from kids. Separate area for folks in recovery and their cigarette butts. (Q)
16. Lower income families need safe outdoor spaces. (Q)
17. Large lawn area should be replaced with drought-resistant landscape since children are not playing on the grass. Only vagrants hang out on the lawn. No need to waste water any more. (Q)
18. Design California gold composite walkways with cacti and rock design. Would look good with existing playground and basketball court. (Q)

### LIGHTHOUSE AVE PARK

1. New playground. Fruit tree orchard to replace old lawn and overgrown shrubs. (D)
2. Swing. (Q)
3. Bouncy house, trampoline. (Q)
4. Bigger slide, taller monkey bars, things for bigger kids. (Q)
5. Turn water fountain back on. (Q)
6. Water slide, pool! (Q)

### LOUDEN NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Increase storage. (C)
2. Build an addition for multi-use recreation (i.e. table tennis). (C)
3. Consider different usage to generate revenue for the city. (C)
4. Less campers/homeless on lawn area - share with families. (C)
5. Reduce/eliminate drug activity. (C)
6. Great community resource! (C)
7. Have an article in the Sentinel about Louden Nelson (the man) based on community center display. (C)
8. More access to activities that promote health & well-being of citizens; Area for seniors to play table tennis for more than an hour without being kicked out; More table tennis tables & equipment;



When visiting family elsewhere in CA, facilities for seniors greatly exceeds those in Santa Cruz (16 tables in San Jose Community Centers, 6 tables in Pasadena, 1- tables in Walnut, 12 tables in Laguna, only 1 table of poor quality at Santa Cruz Community Center). (C)

9. Provide more storage, create more recreational space (building addition for multi-purpose recreation); More space for multiple-table table tennis. New building to meet needs. Table tennis growing sport for all ages. Good for fitness and mental maintenance. (C)
10. More tables, more storage, and more playing time; Have city-wide Table Tennis Championships; look forward to coming here. Have made many new friends. Staff is great! (C)
11. Building has lots of charm and soul - love wood floors. Bathrooms need updating. Better ventilation/AC in the theater; more musical events - amplified instruments as long as within noise ordinance. (C)
12. Inviting the community to more events at Louden Nelson. (C)
13. At Louden Nelson, homeless/ transients don't bother anyone and are welcomed. (C)
14. Senior table tennis players - 15 people wait for one table while 2 people play (only one table on loan from Teen Center). (C)
15. Good experience at Louden Nelson generally, but generally kicked out too quickly - would be willing to pay for dedicated use. (C)
16. Need large room (not classroom) dedicated to dance with good wooden dance floor. Can be used by line dancing and other groups in afternoon and evening. (Q)
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18. Have designated line dancing room. Since auditorium used for other purposes, currently given a small class room. Need more room. (Q)
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20. Since auditorium used for various community activities, dance class often relocated to small classroom with limited space for 25

dancers, which seems unsafe. Install a folding wall between two classrooms to give adequate space to dancers and provide more programming flexibility. (Q)

21. Equipment for Senior Yoga Program (Proper yoga equipment would make program accessible to more people (i.e. having blocks so seniors can get into positions they can't manage otherwise) - small investment, large benefit).
22. Updated floor coverings. Fresh paint in a light color. Center is showing its age, needs updating. Halls especially shabby. Better lighting. Better (more comfortable) auditorium seating. Remodel bathrooms.
23. Better sound system for line dancing class. (Q)
24. A new room that is welcoming for group discussion meetings (i.e. book groups, NVC, AA). Small community groups could utilize space for evening meetings. Couches, carpeting, & lamps would create better atmosphere.
25. Grateful for facility and services offered. (Q)
26. Staff friendly and helpful - make center a pleasant experience. I appreciate the security guards that make it feel safe. I appreciate that seniors have wonderful services, classes, & instructors. Offerings at the center enhance my life and allow me to take classes to support my health & expand my community at affordable prices. (Q)
27. There is abundant space beside tennis courts for bigger classrooms for computer instruction, yoga, and tai chi classes. That area could also provide parking closer to the entrance.
28. One parking decal could be issued for the year rather than wasting paper on monthly permits. (Q)
29. With respect for those who suffer from fragrance allergies and related migraine headaches, install a large sign indicating "This is a fragrance free facility" at each entry door and classroom door. It is stated in small print on the class catalogue, but need more. (Q)
30. A springboard dance floor to protect our feet (if you build another building on the back lawn). (Q)
31. More classrooms. (Q)
32. More LED lights for stage (Pars, followspot, 3 more strip lights); Carpeted stairs to green room; Side-lighting battens on stage, in



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- wings, in house; Purchase ETC lightboard (Express, Element, or Nomad). (D)
- 33. Turn one of the restrooms into unisex and convert the other for genie-lift storage; Purchase a Genie scissor-lift. (D)
- 34. Been a wonderful experience. (Q)
- 35. I'd like to see this facility used more. It's a bigger and better Matt, and could be put to greater use. Some local in Santa Cruz don't even know it's here (Advertise and promote it). Do not have music events. (Q)
- 36. Travel logs, speakers on educational topics, dance performances, etc. New interesting events. (Q)

### MAIN BEACH

- 1. Hire more people to keep this beach clean. (C)
- 2. Hire more people to keep this beach clean. (C)
- 3. Add more trash cans on beach. (C)
- 4. Homeless harassing volleyball players. (C)
- 5. Double shot ride on boardwalk is ugly. (C)
- 6. Trash can lids for boardwalk trash cans. (D)
- 7. Get Seaside more involved for keeping the beach clean, if they are not already. More garbage cans with gull proof lids. (D)
- 8. The boardwalk should provide more trash cans on Main Beach. (D)
- 9. Too much trash left on beach from visitors. Offer ride tickets in exchange for cans, bottles, recyclables, paper products, etc. Devise an inspirational, educational and effective system to pick-up trash. Pack out what you pack in. Managing the waste could create jobs currently spent on machines and fuel. (L)
- 10. Recycling on the beach seems very limited during the tourist season. There are only two bins. (Q)
- 11. City Maintenance workers have done a very good job of keeping the courts in good shape. Volunteers continue to keep the beach free of litter. (Q)
- 12. Signage at all entrances to Main beach & along San Lorenzo river to stop marine debris. Such as, "Up to \$1,000 fine & 8 hours community service for littering strictly enforced." Lifeguard to receive training to issue citations for alcohol, smoking, & littering as they have in Pacific Beach, CA. Then making sure the courts do not dismiss any citations. (Q)

- 13. Either city or Santa Cruz beach boardwalk providing more trash facilities in popular areas for trash pile up. Often near parking lots bins over flow and trash is blown into the river or ocean or general areas. It's a complete mess. Users need to be more conscious and efforts should be made to enforce and punish littering in our waterways. (Q)
- 14. Dumpsters for public use. Some areas are in desperate need for a bigger trash bin. Even if recycling is not offered it's better to have the trash in bins then end up in the ocean. (Q)
- 15. Make the boardwalk take more responsibility for the public they attract. (Q)
- 16. Clean beaches up. (C)
- 17. The beach scene is dialed. I'd love to drop my wife and kid at the beach and take more rides. (Q)
- 18. Please do something about Main Beach rubbish problem during summer!!! (Q)

### MIMI DE MARTA PARK

- 1. Add a gazebo. (C)
- 2. Needs signage with its name. (C)
- 3. Install neighborhood watch sign to discourage drug dealing. (C)
- 4. Increase police patrolling - drug dealing problem. (C)
- 5. Tree and shrub trimming and clean-up on levees. (C)
- 6. Clean up and stop littering. (C)
- 7. Clean up and stop littering. (C)
- 8. Add a "take one tennis ball and put it back when you're done with it" box. (C)
- 9. The dog park by the Broadway bridge tends to attract homeless people and addicts, oftentimes who don't have dogs. I worry that my dog may step on a needle so I tend to stay away from that park. (Q)

### MISSION PLAZA PARK

- 1. Add historical signage. (C)
- 2. Add signage identifying trees. (C)
- 3. More events here (food trucks) - seems very underutilized except for Japanese Cultural Fair. (C)



4. More music played in the park. (D)
5. Create attractions to public-maybe sculpture park? Securing cameras? (D)
6. Add restroom; Park seems extremely underutilized. Good place for food truck events, small-scale performances & events. (C)
7. Mission Park is very under-used and has lots of potential. (C)
8. Increase safety and lower tolerance for litter, drunkenness, and intoxication in the park. There are times when I feel unsafe. (Q)

**MITCHELLS COVE**

1. Mitchell's Cove is considered a "summer beach" by the State, and hence inadequate as an off-leash recreation park. (Q)
2. Re-institute off-leash hours, as before, via a State-city operating agreement. Such an agreement already exists between East Bay parks and the State, so it is NOT impossible. (Q)
3. They also need to enforce the dog rules at Mitchell's Cove. As it stands Mitchell's rules concerning hours are routinely ignored. This is a safety issue for other users and lack of enforcement serves to discourage other users from going there. (Q)

**MOORE CREEK OVERLOOK**

1. No input received.

**MOORE CREEK PRESERVE**

1. Works great as is - doesn't need anything. (C)
2. Works great as is - doesn't need anything. (C)
3. Better protection for rare plants. (C)
4. Enforce bike trail rules. (C)
5. Love that Moore Creek doesn't allow mountain bikes - jewel of an open space. (C)
6. The trail network in Moore Creek could be greatly improved by establishing a connection between the northern end of the preserve and Empire Grade (near the UCSC arboretum). The open field immediately south of Empire Grade is currently open to the public, but private property between here the preserve's northern

end prevents access between the two. Has the city ever attempted to acquire a public right-of-way across/around this private land? The total distance would be <1000 feet, and the ROW could be located unobtrusively along the property's far northeastern edge. Fixing this broken link in Santa Cruz's greenbelt would greatly expand access to outdoor recreation opportunities on the Westside. (Q)

7. Moore Creek biking with connector trails to Wilder. (Q)
8. Allow a multi-use trail through it connecting UCSC, Wilder, Meder St, and Hwy 1 bike path. (Q)
9. Add bicycle access - maybe a bike specific trail or couple of trails with some rollers and banked corners to add some fun. That park is not used much, but is close to town and could be a nice connection. (Q)

**MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

1. Better maintenance for permanent exhibits. (C)
2. Update/modernize/improve this facility per the long-stalled efforts. (C)
3. Update/modernize/improve this facility per the long-stalled efforts. (C)

**NEARY LAGOON PARK**

1. Fitness course and equipment at Neary Lagoon (either at Chestnut Street, behind tennis courts, or Bay Street). (C)

**NEARY LAGOON WILDLIFE REFUGE**

1. Find better balance between habitat preservation and maintenance "grooming". (C)
2. Dog policy: Enforcement of no dogs or change policy. (C)
3. Beautiful park - favorite in the City. (C)
4. Sponsor more group walks focused on birds, plant life, and marsh hydrology. (C)
5. More ranger presence and nature talks. (D)



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6. Guided tours for adults (offered through Parks & Rec catalogue) on birds, plant life, and lagoon hydrology (part of flood plain for river); Restroom near Chestnut Street entrance - I have documented with MNH and difficult when 3rd grader needs to use bathroom; Love the interpretive panels. (C)
7. Enforcement of no dog policy (give park workers authority to write tickets) or re-examine policy. People don't respect the no dogs with wildlife policy. (C)
8. More patrolling - I always hear people in the bushes. (Q)
9. The boardwalk over Neary Lagoon is really one of the neatest areas around. (Q)
10. Neary Lagoon is a special place. I'm grateful that we have such a park. (Q)

### OCEANVIEW PARK

1. Needs more lighting at night. (C)
2. Trail to San Lorenzo Blvd poorly planned and executed - too curvy so people cut across causing erosion. (C)
3. Trail to San Lorenzo Blvd poorly planned and executed - too curvy so people cut across causing erosion. (C)
4. Always enjoy this park. (C)
5. More picnic tables and BBQs. Fence-off opening to Jessie Street Marsh. (D)
6. Improve grass lawn where dogs are, Improve path to San Lorenzo Blvd. (seems like someone will fall off of it). (C)
7. Put fence on back side so kids don't get out. (Q)
8. Parking is very tight, add more. (Q)
9. No more homeless at night. (Q)
10. More trash cans. (Q)
11. A specific dog area. (Q)
12. More water fountains. (Q)
13. Something for sports. (Q)
14. Take out wood chips and put sand. (Q)
15. I love the play structures. More swings. (Q)
16. Maybe a gate surrounding the perimeter so homeless can't come in. (Q)
17. Better supervision of drug traffic/bathrooms. (Q)
18. I love the dog park because it creates positive traffic. (Q)

19. Fence off area behind the bball court so drug traffic can't move from the bathroom to grove behind bball courts. (Q)
20. Safety-fences around lower portion. (Q)
21. Keep bathrooms free of individuals engaged in illegal activity. (Q)
22. Tai Chi practitioners in the middle of Ocean View Dog park making all the dog owners run their dogs in the children's area. (Q)
23. Get rid of dogs. (Q)
24. A security guard on duty and patrolling the marsh and Ocean View Park, 24 hours. (Q)
25. It would be great if we could improve pedestrian crossing from the San Lorenzo River Path to the dirt path that climbs the hill to Ocean View Park. As a pedestrian (walking a dog), I feel very safe on the river path, and safe once I get to the park, but the street crossing of San Lorenzo Blvd/E Cliff Dr is very hazardous! Cars travel quickly around the curves and tend to not stop for pedestrians. I think that a simple painted crosswalk might help a lot! Thanks for the consideration. (Q)
26. Love the ocean view and Frederick Street Park play structures. (Q)
27. Ocean View, like the shade. (Q)
28. The hilltop parks adjacent to Ocean View and the harbor are quite lovely and serve many people, seem (at least to me, a walker through that area) safe even though there is great diversity of people and uses there. (Q)
29. I like the big slides and structures at Ocean View Park. (Q)
30. Positive: Slides at ocean view. (Q)

### POETS PARK AND BEACH FLATS COMMUNITY GARDEN

1. Enjoy the creative element of Poets Park: I think that it is such a lark / To have in Santa Cruz, a Poets Park / With colored balls and tables and things / A place where all our creativity can ring / And, of course, if verse, we look to rhyme / But I'm just happy to have some time / In Poets Park. (C)
2. Have some poetry events. (C)
3. Allow for Jumpers (with permit) at Beach Flats and Poets Parks. (Q)
4. Bar-b-Que pit at Poets Park. (Q)
5. Bicycle racks and lockers. (Q)
6. The Beach Flats Community Garden should be purchased in perpetuity as an open space to be used by this densely populated



- neighborhood. It is insufficient to call the very small space that is Poet's Park a sufficient space... there is no BBQ areas, no place to play ball. The Garden is very important for food production for that area as well.
7. The Beach Flats Community Garden should be preserved in perpetuity as a space for the community to grow food and celebrate. The city should be fighting for this garden- it represents a vibrant migrant community and culture. The City of Santa Cruz seems to support gardens in other parts of the city, but won't stand up to save the garden in our city's neediest neighborhood.
  8. The Beach Flats Community Garden should be made an official open space in Santa Cruz, protected in perpetuity. Community Garden serves essential needs in the community for green space, food production, teaching children about nature and farming traditions, and much more. (Q)
  9. Poet's Park: Tree Sculpture needs to be maintained periodically and fully secured to ground; Garden needs to have a presence from City Staff because at the present time it is in complete abandonment and that is not all on the resident/users; Needs to be preserved as 1/3 garden, 1/3 gathering space, and 1/3 tot lot per the public process we went through when the park was established. If the City has plans to convert it to something else, like expand garden...then it will need to go through public process. (Q)
  10. My kids love it. It is an example of Edible Parks and Gardens.
  11. Keep the garden whole and open. Allowing it to be closed is a disservice to the community.
  12. Beach Flats Garden should become a park, official open space. It is so needed in that neighborhood. I suggest acquiring it from Seaside. Add a restroom.
  13. The Beach Flats Community Garden should be made an official open space in Santa Cruz, protected in perpetuity. The Beach Flats Community Garden serves essential needs in the community for green space, food production, teaching children about nature and farming traditions, and much more.
  14. I would like to see the Beach Flats Garden be preserved.
  15. Beach Flats won't have a garden after they will have to turn their plots.
  16. We must preserve the Beach Flats Community Garden!! A place where local families can grow their own foods, and those that do not participate in gardening often benefit from the bountiful harvest that I put out in baskets for free to anyone who wants the fresh vegetables. I have seen this space in action, it is pure community magic going on here!! Please reconsider! Viva El Jardin!!!
  17. Don't allow the garden to be lost because you're too busy to come up with a better solution. Maintain all gardens and re-assign all unused plots every year. (Q)
  18. Save the garden! Keep and build community gardens! (Q)
  19. Don't get rid of the Beach Flats Community Garden. Keep it going and additional funding! (Q)
  20. The Beach Flats Garden. It's been successful for 20+ years already. It feeds and inspires. It's an obvious win for beach flats residents, city PR, and tourism. (Q)
  21. Save the Beach Flats Community Garden, and to prioritize Community Gardening. (Q)
  22. The Beach Flats Garden. It's crazy that they keep having to fight for their land. It's such an incredible bright spot in a part of town that's overrun with concrete and tourist parking. (Q)
  23. We like to save the community garden from the beach flats is an important place for family n specially kids to see how plants grow n teach them skills on how to grow n plant n care for our nature...(Q)
  24. Save the gardens and provide restrooms. (Q)
  25. Save the beach flats community garden. Is the most amazing place in town. I have never seen so many corn, beans and squash grown in such a beautiful way. Please, don't destroy this important inheritance for our kids. (Q)
  26. The Beach Flats Community Garden should be made an official open space in Santa Cruz, protected in perpetuity. (Q)

**PACHECO DOG PARK**

1. Where are the cat, bird, snake, or lizard parks? (C)



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### POGONIP CLUBHOUSE

1. Restore it (Find grant money and match it this time) - could be revenue generator for city (events, weddings, community center, etc.). (C)
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8. Restore it (Find grant money and match it this time) - could be revenue generator for city (events, weddings, community center, etc.). (C)
9. Renovate and rent out Pogonip clubhouse. We could make money. (D)
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11. Renovate and rent out Pogonip clubhouse. We could make money. (D)
12. Use creative/resourceful minds to do something special with this clubhouse - generate some City income; Amazing place to live - ocean & weather can't be beat, let's make it best it can be. (C)
13. Use of Pogonip clubhouse to rent to groups for weddings, parties, municipal functions, soccer club groups etc. (Q)
14. Restore (finally!) Pogonip clubhouse for kids. (Q)

15. Once renovated, lease out to be used as a winery - could still be rented for weddings and reunions, but would draw people year-round; Revenue from leasing and future taxes would offset renovation costs. (C)

### POGONIP OPEN SPACE

1. Good for hikes and relaxing landscape - works well here. (C)
2. Implement all of the master plan. (C)
3. Close unauthorized trails. (C)
4. Refurbish old signs. (C)
5. Enforce leash laws on trails - post fines for violations. (C)
6. Enforce leash laws on trails - post fines for violations. (C)
7. More regular garbage collection. (C)
8. Enforce bike trail rules. (C)
9. Too many homeless - don't feel safe. (C)
10. Too many homeless - don't feel safe. (C)
11. Better trail maintenance. (C)
12. Congrats to Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz for the construction/maintenance of Emma McCary Trail. Worst homeless camps and heroin users have been removed as a result of their civic participation. (C)
13. Awesome summer trail crew. (D)
14. Gun range, skeet and trap range. (D)
15. Open more trails to mountain bikes, Open closed areas. (C)
16. Clubhouse could be fabulous facility for events; Horseback riding facility; Keep it safely patrolled. (C)
17. Homeless Garden Project at Pogonip. (C)
18. More mountain bike trails in Pogonip. (C)
19. Open Sycamore Grove area to public in Pogonip. (C)
20. Access to Spring Trail (and maybe Rincón Trail) in Pogonip to low-speed bikes. If fulltime access isn't possible, at least provide certain hours (e.g. MWF - noon to 5PM & Sat or Sun - 11A-3P). This would help kids learn so they could advance to other trails in City/State parks. (C)
21. Multiple soccer fields could be placed there to be premier attraction to draw-in revenue for sports camps & events. There is a lot of demand for sports fields in Santa Cruz. Extend water service from Clubhouse Drive up to the clubhouse & new playing fields.





- This would allow the clubhouse to be used for rentals. By 2020, the new theater at the Tannery will be done. Parking could be at the Corp Yard. Shuttles could get people up to the clubhouse. (Q)
22. Open up fire road in Pogonip. (Q)
  23. More general access to Pogonip. (Q)
  24. Expand trail to include more sections. (Q)
  25. Porta-potties/restroom at parking lot. (Q)
  26. More single track and features on trails. (Q)
  27. More trail grooming, requests for volunteer help. (Q)
  28. Add a second trail to separate climbing versus descending for EMT. (Q)
  29. Add bike specific features. (Q)
  30. Move the fence at the Spring Street entrance so that bike riders can legally get to UCSC (less than 100' change and nothing blocking it). (Q)
  31. Planned cattle grazing at Pogonip. (Q)
  32. Scrap the Eastern Access plan. (Q)
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  34. Scrap the Eastern Access plan. (Q)
  35. Restore Ohlone tiger beetle. (Q)
  36. Stop the Homeless Garden Project from coming here. (Q)
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  38. Stop the Homeless Garden Project from coming here. (Q)
  39. Restoration-oriented cattle grazing. (Q)
  40. I would like to see an Eastern access road through Pogonip to UC. (Q)
  41. Not being afraid to walk alone in remote areas of parks like Pogonip, where there has been drug trafficking. (Q)
  42. I would improve pogonip by working to remove all non-native species and leave it as a precious undeveloped greenbelt for future generations. (Q)
  43. Don't add any more features. (Q)
  44. The Arana Gulch bikepath took an even bigger footprint than expected. It completely changed the character of that park. Please do not build a road through Pogonip. (Q)
  45. I believe hikers in Pogonip were not well served by opening more paths to bikers. (Q)
  46. No improvement! Keep it open. (Q)
  47. Pogonip needs much more aggressive camping ban enforcement. (Q)
  48. Pogonip - homeless campers. (Q)
  49. Clean up Pogonip. (Q)
  50. Hikers on the trail from Spring St. to Hwy. 9 frequently encounter unleashed dogs because the dog owners aren't afraid of being cited. Also, the signage at one end of the trail contradicts what the signage at the other end says. (Q)
  51. The Emma McCrary trail is a huge positive addition to our community. (Q)
  52. Emma Mccrary trail is fantastic. (Q)
  53. Emma McCrary trail is great. (Q)
  54. Improved safety (pogonip). (Q)
  55. I love the trails in Pogonip! The trash and camps left by the homeless is discouraging. (Q)
  56. Emma McCrary Trail is a wonderful new addition but is so crowded with bike traffic that I have started avoiding it. It would be great to have a trail paralleling Emma McCrary but a one-way, downhill bike trail. (Q)
  57. Bathrooms at the base of Emma McCrary trail. (Q)
  58. More MTB access, West side connecting trail. Loop option within park. (Q)
  59. More dog ok trails. (Q)
  60. Allow mountain bike access. (Q)
  61. Restrooms would be nice but with the homeless and drug use it would be difficult. However with more users in the area it would push bad elements out. (Q)
  62. How about turning the Pogonip into the bay's best outdoor sports park, like bluball better. Soccer fields, a small amphitheater for music/ Shakespeare? And the trail network open to multiuse. Let's take the place back from the druggies and bums!. It could be the jewel of the entire Bay. Let get the bums out of there and allow use by mom's and kids. (Q)
  63. Fund the rangers and parks to clean and remove the homeless drugheads. (Q)
  64. Pogonip open space could use improvements to trails. Specifically purpose-built single track bike trails. (Q)



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- 65. Actually make into an accessible park with athletic fields, play grounds, picnic areas and perhaps a stage for performances. This could be an iconic park with a view of Santa Cruz and the bay. Also, unlike Anna Jean Cummings park, there are no houses backed up to the property. (Q)
- 66. The city of Santa Cruz promised UC an eastern access to the then proposed Santa Cruz campus and this access should be built along with the park access. The traffic gridlock on the west side will NEVER be fixed without another campus entrance. Daily, we now have thousands of automobile trips to UCSC still using the same unimproved two lane neighborhood streets that have been used for the last 50 years since the campus was built. More the 80% of these vehicles come from east of the San Lorenzo river. (Q)
- 67. I work next to Pogonip. I also hike, run, and now ride my mountain bike there thanks to the addition of the Emma McCrary trail. I'd bet money that less than 5% of the population of Santa Cruz, maybe less than 3%, use Pogonip. Santa Cruz county has huge amounts of undeveloped open space but our city does not have a decent park. We need to take the park back from the homeless drug addicts. (Q)
- 68. A re-work or replacement for the U-Conn trail would be a huge improvement, perhaps a directional descending trail from UCSC. (Q)
- 69. Emma McCrary trail is fantastic. I think that an equally valuable route would be from the northern end of the Emma McCrary trail to the Spring trail entrance of Pogonip. The route is already a road, and it would open up a safe, fun, beautiful way to get from the Westside to the Emma McCrary trail. (Q)
- 70. The Emma Trail and improved Pogonip trails and signage. Brilliant! (Q)
- 71. Pogonip is amazing. (Q)
- 72. Emma McReary trail! (Q)
- 73. The Emma Trail in Pogonip is exemplary. (Q)
- 74. Emma McCrary trail in Pogonip is great. (Q)
- 75. Emma McCrary trail, Pogonip is great. (Q)
- 76. The Emma McCrary trail is one of the best things the city has ever built. (Q)
- 77. We object to the proposed creation of multi-use connections from Harvey West Park to the Emma McCrary trail, which will only

further damage the sensitive Pogonip Creek area, and destroy the serenity of the existing Harvey West Trail for pedestrians; a proposed separate downhill mountain biking trail in an undisclosed location; excessive parking on Pogonip lands at the Golf Club Drive entrance; a sports field in the Upper Main Meadow; and uses of the Pogonip Clubhouse (badly neglected by the City for years due the City's failure to match a generous grant in the past) such as a mountain bike hub (which presumes mountain biking on Golf Club Drive)--restoration of the Clubhouse is certainly desirable but not for that purpose. (L)

- 78. Emma McCrary has trash from homeless (L)

### RINCON PARK

No public comments received.

### RIVERSIDE GARDENS PARK

- 1. Let gardeners garden. (C)
- 2. Love the community fruit tree garden. (C)
- 3. Love the community fruit tree garden. (C)
- 4. Beautiful new fence. (C)
- 5. Very well maintained. (C)
- 6. Replace sub-soil and gravel in beds with soil that can actually grow things. (C)
- 7. More signage for fruit trees. (C)
- 8. Replace clay and gravel in ground-level beds with garden-able soil. Have worked with neighbor volunteer crews to improve soil in a couple beds, but very difficult; Help neighbors improve garden plots. (C)
- 9. The Riverside Gardens park also needs bathrooms. (Q)
- 10. Bathrooms at Riverside Gardens Park. (Q)
- 11. I wish the police would respond when we call them to Riverside Gardens Park when we witnessed flagrant drug use and sales. They admit that unless the user has a record, it doesn't do much to arrest them, so they don't bother coming out. This results in daily use of this park that discourages families to come. The public fruit tree orchard in Riverside Park is a wonderful example of how the city can work with the community in growing food safety for the



neighborhood. I applaud you on helping to make that happen, and the community turnout was impressive! (Q)

**ROUNDTREE PARK**

- 1. Playground. (D)
- 2. Off-leash dog park? (D)

**SANTA CRUZ WHARF**

- 1. Implement Master Plan recommendations. (C)
- 2. People still sleeping illegally under wharf. (C)
- 3. Improve water quality - employ panel of outside water quality experts & conduct water circulation study as well as land to sea flow study. (C)
- 4. Expand bocci courts. (C)
- 5. At base of wharf, near Ideal Bar & Grill, there is a narrow, dangerous wooden stairway - widen & add seating at foot to accommodate large amount of foot traffic and children stopping to take shoes on and off. (Q)
- 6. Need small craft boat storage on Wharf. (Q)

**SAN LORENZO PARK**

- 1. More security & safety measures. (C)
- 2. Interpretive signage about birds since Duck Pond attracts birds each winter. (C)
- 3. Upgrade with new playground equipment. (C)
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- 5. Looks run-down, needs updating & maintenance. (C)
- 6. Large homeless population - not safe for kids and families. (C)
- 7. Large homeless population - not safe for kids and families. (C)
- 8. Large homeless population - not safe for kids and families. (C)
- 9. Large homeless population - not safe for kids and families. (C)
- 10. Do events like Sunday music in the park or Food Trucks. (C)
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- 12. Maintain prohibition of dogs in park - lots of birds and children use lawn areas. (C)

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- 14. Love the dragon slide in the playground. (C)
- 15. Ranger/CSO substation to help with illegal activities. (D)
- 16. Spiral slide. (D)
- 17. Concerts/movies. (D)
- 18. Make the playground safer. Had to leave due to unsafe behavior from homeless. (D)
- 19. Remove bathrooms. (D)
- 20. New, larger restrooms with more stalls. (D)
- 21. Cigarette butt containers along Dakota. (D)
- 22. Bike park on bench lands. (D)
- 23. Bike park on bench lands. (D)
- 24. Anchor posts for slack-line on benchlands. (D)
- 25. Pond improvements @SLP. Interpretive panels, walkways, features filtration, ect. (D)
- 26. Horseshoe pit at San Lorenzo. (D)
- 27. Horseshoe pit at San Lorenzo. (D)
- 28. Extending the children's area to the hills surrounding S.L.P. would help families feel safer taking kids to the park and alleviate "troublesome" groups that congregate on this hills. (D)
- 29. Clarify if dogs on leash on levee path through park is ok. One direction has sign indicating okay to pass. Still get stopped occasionally. Maybe dogs on leash ok to pass through park on path. (D)
- 30. One bathroom stall per restroom. (D)
- 31. There is too much drug use. I would like to see more police patrol (walk around). Not just drive through. (D)
- 32. Doesn't feel welcoming anymore, so don't go there; Pump track, Food trucks, Beer garden. (C)
- 33. Make it safe for kids again - take it back from transients, druggies, and gangs - more enforcement and patrolling. (C)
- 34. More city programming (festivals - local and bigger like music festival that would attract overnight visitors, similar to SF's Outside Lands but not as big - very profitable!), Improve Duck Pond stage (better sound system, dressing room facility); Secure bike storage area; Used to have Shakespeare-to-Go, Kurumba Jazz Anniversary



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- concert, Bluegrass Festival; More river-oriented activities like other cities - cafes, art work (protect from vandalism). (C)
35. Longer restroom hours, more park access and activities after dusk - particularly in Spring/Summer season; more benches; See Camp of Last Resort petition. (C)
  36. San Lorenzo River Walk & Park - unsafe feel but tremendous potential, feels like greatest opportunity for increased users. ©
  37. Medicinal herb garden at San Lorenzo Park. ©
  38. Lack of amenities at San Lorenzo Park. ©
  39. Work on cleanliness of restrooms (mess & smell from unsavory people, door to handicapped stall removed so no privacy). (L)
  40. Maintain prohibition of dogs in park, including bench lands. (L)
  41. Keep children's area as it is - fun for seniors to people watch. (L)
  42. Prohibit night time lighted commercial events. (L)
  43. Continue to enforce City ordinances that prohibit camping on lower grassland area. (L)
  44. Enhance signage directing bicyclists to walk bikes on pedestrian bridge. (L)
  45. Add signage to discourage feeding birds. (L)
  46. Keep it as it is! Love the ancient cork oak trees; Currently acts as buffer to natural area as well as offering park (don't develop it into a noisy "amusement park" park) - like that it acts as a quiet zone inside the built environment. (L)
  47. Add pickleball courts and facilities at San Lorenzo Park. (Q)
  48. Improve San Lorenzo Park. (Q)
  49. San Lorenzo Park should be a safer place and not the drug haven it is known as! (Q)
  50. Bike course for kids in San Lorenzo. (Q)
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  52. I'm really excited about a bike course for kids in San Lorenzo Park. Would also love to see Shakespeare there. Cabrillo Festival is a good model for bringing arts to the community. Shakespeare is not so accessible now. It would be great if Shakespeare would have open rehearsals, pre-event talks, meet you similar to Cabrillo-and do it in San Lorenzo Park! Festival. (Q)
  53. I love lawn bowling! River walks by docents are great. Bike events great. (Q)
  54. Bathrooms, rock climbing wall, volleyball net, gardening area at San Lorenzo. (Q)
  55. Duck pond cleaner. (Q)
  56. Duck pond cleaner. (Q)
  57. More floral displays in San Lorenzo. (Q)
  58. A kiosk and picnic tables adjacent to San Lorenzo River with little stage for music and speakers. (Q)
  59. BBQ pits at San Lorenzo year-round. (Q)
  60. No more homeless, make families uncomfortable. (Q)
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  62. No more homeless, make families uncomfortable. (Q)
  63. No more homeless, make families uncomfortable. (Q)
  64. New and improved play area, more slides and swings. (Q)
  65. More places to sit around the duck pond. (Q)
  66. Cleaner bathrooms. (Q)
  67. Cleaner bathrooms. (Q)
  68. The park is great don't fix what isn't broken. (Q)
  69. Patrol it. (Q)
  70. Allow kayaking and paddleboarding on San Lorenzo River. (Q)
  71. Paint the sidewalk. (Q)
  72. Plant cherry trees. (Q)
  73. Public showers. (Q)
  74. A fenced-off dog area. (Q)
  75. Keep drug use and deals out. (Q)
  76. San Lorenzo Park needs more substance abuse counselors or other roving services to get some of the users there help so that children can start enjoying this garden again. (Q)
  77. Add an emergency phone to call police. (Q)
  78. No burrito hand-outs. They smoke pot, drug deal, and leave trash. (Q)
  79. The San Lorenzo Park needs some attention. There are a lot of heroin and drug users that make it feel like an unsafe place to be. We need to talk as a community about a long-term solution to transient populations in our parks and cities. How can we get them help? How can we change the atmosphere? (Q)
  80. The River needs a good sprawling cafe next to it, more public game spaces-shuffleboard, chess, an obstacle course for 8-12-year olds., maybe hold a mini market or some sort of meet-up in the park?



81. I assume its flood plain but it could use a little more landscaping /features. (Q)
82. Find a way to move the transient population out of the park or make them feel friendlier. Get them the help they need. (Q)
83. Install a fun zone for older elementary/middle schoolers: a zipline, obstacle course. (Q)
84. A cafe next to the river. (Q)
85. Food vendors. (Q)
86. More public art. (Q)
87. Reasons for people to come out and spend the day hanging out in this park. (Q)
88. Maybe hold a mini market or some sort of meet-up in the park? (Q)
89. Rodeo Gulch, levee, San Lorenzo Park. Make these into clean and safe public spaces. (Q)
90. Please clean out parks of all drug activity. Please clean out all parks of vagrant and criminal activity. (Q)
91. Better lighting and repave path at San Lorenzo Park
92. Security, fencing, no criminal activity/no vagrancy signs. (Q)
93. Disc Golf Course at San Lorenzo Park was a great idea and it seems to have helped thin out the number of tweakers that used to hang out there. (Q)
94. San Lorenzo River Parkway is under-maintained and left to the transient population. (Q)
95. San Lorenzo duck pond needs to be redone and kept clean. It's disgusting for humans and ducks alike. (Q)
96. San Lorenzo Park: get the vagrants out of the park. (Q)
97. I do like the dragon at SLR Park. (Q)
98. I love the beauty of San Lorenzo Park; park structures, pond, river, etc. You guys are doing a great job in keeping the park beautiful. (Q)
99. The beauty of nature and I love the concerts festivities. (Q)
100. Stage-great. Bathrooms great/ I like San Lorenzo Park. (Q)
101. Would love to see public performance spaces. For example, SC Shakespeare should be able to set up and perform in the bench lands of SLR - close to downtown, parking, and neighborhoods. (Q)
102. On-leash access to San Lorenzo Park. (Q)

103. I would also like the paths through San Lorenzo Park to be maintained. The uneven surface and potholes need to be repaired. (Q)
104. My main issue is cleanliness & safety. There are times I've felt unsafe at San Lorenzo Park due to what appears to be drug activity going on near the play areas. (Q)
105. San Lorenzo Park is unusable because of the transients and is a magnet for drug dealing, drug use, and stolen goods. (Q)
106. Better lighting and repave path. (Q)
107. Develop San Lorenzo Park. (C)

**SAN LORENZO PARK LAWN BOWLING**

1. Most lawn bowlers do not live in Santa Cruz. (C)

**SANTA CRUZ RIVERWALK AND SAN LORENZO RIVER CORRIDOR**

1. Implement the San Lorenzo Urban Plan - more finished look for trail (plazas, seating, paving, accessibility, etc.). (C)
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4. Restore & protect native plants and habitat. (C)
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7. Add more trees and shade by trail (besides just Crepe Myrtles & Queen Palms). (C)
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11. Add more trees and shade by trail (besides just Crepe Myrtles & Queen Palms). (C)
12. Add more trees by river to provide shade for steelhead trout (willows). (C)
13. Sponsor walks along river - history, birds, plants, hydrology. (C)



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14. Sponsor walks along river - history, birds, plants, hydrology. (C)
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16. Add interpretive signage for birds, plants, restoration, and web of life. (C)
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18. Add interpretive signage for birds, plants, restoration, and web of life. (C)
19. Add interpretive signage for birds, plants, restoration, and web of life. (C)
20. Add lights under the bridges. (C)
21. Remove "heroin bridge". (C)
22. Passive recreation only - no paddlers on river, no food vendors, no amplified music. (C)
23. Passive recreation only - no paddlers on river, no food vendors, no amplified music. (C)
24. So much potential - look at projects done in San Antonio, Portland, and Twin Falls. (C)
25. Remove homeless camps, trash, needles and crime that are always present along the river. (D)
26. I live next to it and won't walk there in the morning or evening. Safety concern. Maybe more patrolling and lighting. (D)
27. Better connections to downtown and make safer. Connect River Street businesses directly to corridor as effort to create persistent positive public presence; Permanent spotting scopes for birders. (C)
28. Signage that describes local birds & wildlife. Bird viewing stations. Better telescopes for bird watching. Encourage native plant habitat along banks. Allow some trees to grow taller to serve as nesting sites for birds; Public restrooms; Lights under bridges. (C)
29. More programming to encourage people to use this space. More amenities - drinking fountains, benches, restrooms. (C)
30. Utilize & access river - build up the river levee with more kayaking (though like current serenity). (C)
31. Trails to riverfront at Riverwalk. (C)
32. Add speed limit for bicyclists, Marked divided lanes for pedestrians & bicycles, Possibly restrict bicycles to East side of river which has less pedestrian traffic; Preserve and restore San Lorenzo River as wildlife area (Worried about speeding bicycles that don't give warning to walkers. Been forced off the path many times and now choose to walk there even though uneven and less safe for an older person than level sidewalks.) (L)
33. Recommend year-long study on current status of plant/animal wildlife in SL River to recommend measures required to protect/strengthen this habitat - current plans for Riverwalk include many creative ideas, but not being considered within the context of a threatened wetland area (clearly evident from plan to put kayaks in river). (L)
34. Plan for only passive recreation on the Riverwalk (i.e. birdwatching, photography, painting, and educational field trips); prohibit amplified music, food vendors, commercial lighting for night events, and watercraft recreation and associated infrastructure on river. (L)
35. Need well-designed fence at little park overlooking San Lorenzo River mouth by East Cliff (dangerous now); Better signage - street signs directing to parks, how to be good park user, interpretive signage like Neary; Educational/creative playground equipment that doesn't burn children in summer (teach kids about hydraulics, weight distribution, etc.). (Q)
36. I like the tiny workout station over near the route 1 overpass on the San Lorenzo. Only they don't invoke a notion of play, they're very boring and not at all fun to use. You certainly wouldn't bring your children there to hang out. Not to mention the crowd that tends to "live" near there. Which brings me to another huge problem in this town, homeless. I don't know how to address this one, but something drastic needs to happen, and now. (Q)
37. The levy, especially near the tannery needs more garbage cans. (Q)
38. Better maintained levee path - blacktop too weak to support maintenance truck traffic, resulting in cracks and damaged edges. (Q)
39. Improved landscape that supports wildlife habitat & provides food to bees, birds, & butterflies, especially in estuary stretch (mouth to Laurel St bridge) (Q)
40. Better approach to flood control work - doesn't currently consider impact on wildlife habitat, better process needed. (Q)
41. More interpretive/information stations along levee path about wildlife and river historical background in and along river. (Q)



42. Add resting stations with benches that open at sunrise, close at sunset, and are solar powered. (Q)
43. San Lorenzo Urban River stretch has been ignored and neglected by City regarding wildlife stewardship, landscape, and potential as community area. Other cities have taken pride in wildlife habitats and make efforts to preserve those resources (grants from all levels of government to coordinate focus). (Q)
44. I would like to see better use of the levee areas. Benches for relaxing. Shade or Flowering trees on the street side of the existing paths, using recycled water of course. Formal pathways down to the water in places. Signage highlighting the various birds that frequent the area. (Q)
45. Also, you should not allow permanent marking on trails for special events such as a bike or running rally. This is as much graffiti as gang tagging. (Q)
46. Making the San Lorenzo River user friendly without elaborate infrastructure. Natural, native plants, places to sit. (Q)
47. The riverfront pathways are such beautiful and accessible places, needing only intensified use to be as safe and clean as the can be. (Q)
48. The river levees and surrounding park areas should be kept green and open but sometimes do not feel safe. (Q)
49. Bathrooms on Riverway. (Q)
50. Do not open it to paddling or recreational boating. (Q)
51. Complete lighting plan for Front Street side of river. (Q)
52. Fund park rangers. (Q)
53. Landscape to fully implement the San Lorenzo Urban River Plan. (Q)
54. Continue to enhance and utilize the San Lorenzo River parkway. Examine ways to provide access further up the river. (Q)
55. Signage along San Lorenzo River to stop marine debris. Such as, "Up to \$1,000 fine & 8 hours community service for littering strictly enforced." (Q)
56. More drinking fountains and trash cans. I find the new river decorations gratuitous. Put the money into habitat protection and revitalization not decorations to hide the blight. (Q)
57. I really like the trail along the river; I just wish it were more useable. Great accessibility and close to so many potential users for walks at lunch, etc. (Q)
58. Yes lighting under the bridges on the river walk. That work all day and night. It is very difficult to see other users when passing through. There are often people blocking the path. (Q)
59. Vegetation up keep mostly in open spaces and San Lorenzo river walk. There are places that are difficult to see who is coming the opposite way. Limbing trees and cutting back vegetation would be good for visibility and keep transient trash down. (Q)
60. Keeping loitering down on the river walk. There are dangerous, drug using crowds that block the bike path making difficult for travel on bikes and makes walking feel unsafe. (Q)
61. Allowing more public improvement like the art work along the path. (Q)
62. We need the levee paths to continue all the way around. (Q)
63. I would like to see the area along the San Lorenzo River to be more appealing- that includes the vegetation as well as finding alternative gathering spots for the homeless/drummers/drug users that gather along the levy and make it uncomfortable to pass by. (Q)
64. The San Lorenzo Levee trail along East Cliff between Ocean View Park and the San Lorenzo Riverway Bridge needs significant improvement. There should be a dedicated lane for cyclists that are separate from the narrow sidewalk where pedestrians must walk. (Q)
65. Yes, the river levee really needs the upgrades that have been talked about for years. Retail kiosks, benches, picnic tables, and decent LED lighting to make it safer at night. Build the infrastructure and people will use it, pushing the undesirable elements away from there. (Q)
66. Make San Lorenzo river area more useable. Move out homeless and loiterers from public recreation areas to make these more welcoming. Not having to worry about safety around San Lorenzo. (Q)
67. San Lorenzo River. All along the river and the little San Lorenzo Park could be so awesome. I've never seen any person down at the park playing with kids or families having picnic there. Instead only the homeless community sleeps there. All of that could be shared in peace but again no dogs allowed!?! People poop and pee there but I doubt that they carry poop bags with them. Responsible dog



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owners do. Some benches along the San Lorenzo River would be awesome, so elderly people could actually use the levee. (Q)

- 68. No more art blocking view.
- 69. Work collaboratively with other departments to hire an Environmental Coordinator who would be knowledgeable about sensitive ecosystems within the City, would consult with department heads early in the process on potential environmental impacts of proposed projects, would seek and write grants for restoration and educational projects, and would partner with local environmental groups, soliciting their input on relevant environmental issues. Adopt a policy that allows only passive recreational activities in sensitive ecosystems, including the salt marsh, freshwater wetland and riparian habitats within and along the San Lorenzo River. Collect data on the plant and animal life now existing on the San Lorenzo River, and use this as a basis for planning removal of invasive vegetation and restoration of native plants. Follow carefully the guidelines provided in the Streambed Alteration Agreement regarding vegetation management, including (1) no vegetation removal will occur during nesting season and that a qualified biologist will survey the targeted area for nests, (2) a qualified biologist will survey the proposed area and clearly mark all the vegetation that is required to be protected before any mowing or cutting is carried out (3) crew members will use hand tools rather than mechanized equipment in sensitive areas when feasible. Develop a clear statement as to the process to be followed if development or 'activation' of the San Lorenzo River as a "downtown amenity" is suspected of having a negative environmental impact. I have attached such a statement from the city of Boulder, Colorado that might be helpful as an example. Create interpretive signage along the San Lorenzo River in collaboration with the Santa Cruz Bird Club and the California Native Plant Society, as well as fish and hydrological specialists. Actively solicit teachers for wildlife classes and field trips on the river and promote these programs through the Parks and Recreation catalogue. Develop a city brochure about the environmental value of the river as a critical riparian ecosystem. Actively counter the image of the river as a scenic backdrop for commercial and recreational purposes. Add a 'Wildlife and Wildlife

Habitat Protection' section to the 'Green Focus' page on the Department website. Separate the river from the more recreationally oriented 'Parks' and 'Beaches' sections. Continue to develop and implement a litter control program on the San Lorenzo Riverway including monthly large-scale cleanups of areas that present health hazards to humans as well as wildlife. (L)

### SCOPE PARK

- 1. Open it up instead of excluding people. (C)
- 2. Add benches/seating areas. (C)
- 3. Don't sell or lease this park. (C)

### SGT. DERBY PARK

- 1. Replace older equipment. (C)
- 2. Add BBQs. (C)
- 3. BBQS. (C)
- 4. Prohibit or fence in dog area. (C)
- 5. No dog area. (C)
- 6. More police/ranger patrolling - drinking at Skate Park. (C)
- 7. Kids skate bowl at old volleyball court (concrete). (D)
- 8. Kids skate bowl at old volleyball court (concrete). (D)
- 9. Kids skate bowl at old volleyball court (concrete). (D)
- 10. Concrete table. Handball court. (D)
- 11. New paths. Seal and pave. (D)
- 12. Little kids skate bowl at Sgt. Derby Park. (D)
- 13. Would like a trash & recycling can by little kids playground at Sgt. Derby. (Q)
- 14. Plant more trees at Sgt. Derby and then water them. Trees were planted 7 years ago by children and families and teachers. And then allowed to die. (Q)
- 15. Stop the blowers, Use brooms. Quiet please. (Q)
- 16. No more disc golf tees in Sgt. Derby Park because not one else can play in the field when disc golfers are playing. (Q)
- 17. More playground structures. (Q)
- 18. More skateboarding area. (mini bowl or course, no fences). (Q)
- 19. More skateboarding area. (mini bowl or course, no fences). (Q)
- 20. Benches in tennis area. (Q)





21. Trees along the back fence blocking the industrial complex adjacent to the park. (Q)
22. Kiddie play area (were removed a few years ago and not replaced - nowhere to sit while kids play). (Q)
23. No off-leash dogs. (Q)
24. Better outhouse or bathrooms. (Q)
25. More police patrol. (Q)
26. More police patrol. (Q)
27. Outdoor adult workout equipment (pull-up bars, parcourse bars, etc. (Q)
28. The grounds crew does a great job maintaining the park. (Q)
29. Add more trees and H2O them. Stop the blowers. (Q)
30. Use brooms and rakes. (Q)
31. Replace the old volleyball area with really nice grass, real grass for picnicking on the lawn. (Q)
32. Forever drop the idea of a dog park there; leave it OPEN (unfenced). Never again send the cops or park rangers to ticket off-leash dog owners. Do ticket dog owners who leave dog waste. (Q)
33. Add recycling cans to everywhere there's a trash can. Put dog bags & signs to clean-up. Add trash & recycling cans to little kid area. (Q)
34. Bathrooms. (Q)
35. Great park and historic landmark. (Q)
36. Sgt. Derby Park...new trees are quite nice as is plaques bolted down port-a-potty. I enjoy not having bbqs available. (Q)

**STAR OF THE SEA PARK**

1. Enforce leash law. (C)
2. Have specific hours for off-leash and no dogs. (C)
3. Add restrooms. (C)
4. Permanent pump track. New picnic tables. (D)

**SURFING MUSEUM**

1. Provide outdoor events - program concerts, plays, movies, etc. (C)
2. Open more hours. (D)
3. Tours for tourist. (D)

**TRESCONY PARK**

1. Lovely gardens. (C)
2. Trescony Park could use more wood chips to make it easier for kids to play. (Q)
3. Bethany Curve, Trescony Gardens (great just need support). (Q)
4. Add bathroom. (Q)
5. Maintain vacant plots (weeds and gophers). (Q)
6. Homeless. (Q)
7. Dogs (not allowed). (Q)
8. More compost bins. (Q)
9. Parks with no restrooms really need at least a porta-potty or two. Trescony is a good example. I took my son there once and he loved the park, but we didn't come back because other than allowing a child to use someone's garden plot as a toilet, there are no options. (Q)

**TYRRELL PARK**

1. Love the whale. (C)
2. Better maintenance of whale sculpture. (C)
3. Have a collaborative venture to create an outdoor Museum of Natural History (mix wildlands, mudlands, art, native plants, picnic, and Seabright community installations). (C)
4. Hoping that museum with be greatly expanded or relocated, so shouldn't invest too much in improvements. (C)
5. Design and install of "Outdoor Museum of Natural History" - original design for the front entrance found in director's office; Outdoor Museum of Natural History; Have met with various groups and City officials with regards to getting this outdoor museum started (Randy, Mauro, Carol, Seabright neighbors, Seabright Eco-district, museum directors, etc.). (C)

**UNIVERSITY TERRACE**

1. Fenced in dog area. (C)
2. Restrooms. (D)
3. University Terrace needs a portable toilet and better signs to keep dogs off children's play area. (Q)



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4. Permanent restrooms. (Q)
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6. Permanent restrooms. (Q)
7. More grassy area for dogs & closed in area. (Q)
8. Facilities for older children 6-8. (Q)
9. Bigger swings. (Q)
10. Yes for more features. (Q)
11. I love the way University Terrace Park serves so many facets of the community so well, but I wish the playground equipment here and at other West Side parks was upgraded. They are getting worn and outdated and are limiting for older kids (7-12), who still need a place to play outside that is not specific to a sport. (Q)
12. Clear policy and supporting signage about group functions. The park is a regular gathering spot for formal group functions for UCSC student groups (usually at the beginning and towards the end of the school year). I support their being able to use the park in this manner, however with a two small picnic tables located next to the play structure it makes the playground area essentially unusable by children. Including additional picnic tables (4-5) along the paved walking trail would allow for "large" group gatherings like these but still keep the play structure accessible. Formal reservation systems for these groups to access would help with the issue. Slacklining is also popular there, however participants often set up their lines from end of the park to the other. I understand the appeal for participants wanting to do that, but again it essentially takes over the entire grassy ("developed") area of the park (not to mention, potential danger to non-participants). Perhaps a length limit for slacklines and a posted policy that explains it would help. (Q)
13. Additional picnic tables. (Q)
14. Grills/hibachis. (Q)
15. University Terrace Park on the Westside it very nice for dogs where they can explore but due to lack of water it is too much dirt for some dogs. Hoping for rain to help. Would like to see grass encouraged to grow there. (Q)
16. Would be nice if dog park fence @ Meder St. was completed. If that is deemed cost prohibitive, how about completely enclosing at least a portion of dog park so that younger/smaller dogs can safely play off-leash? (Q)
17. Thank you for placing at least a porta-potty @ Meder St. Park: human feces and soiled toilet paper under trees in dog park area were becoming a problem. Though these were being generated by non-dog-owning park visitors and an actual bathroom would be better, at least these portable facilities provide a convenience for all and enhance sanitation. (Q)
18. I would like to see a fully enclosed dog park area, with separate designated areas for small and large dogs, within the University Terrace Park. There also needs to be better enforcement and maintenance of feces removal outside of the dog area.
19. The park would also be a much safer place if it had solar lights to keep it well-lit at night. (Q)
20. Please add a fence to the fourth side of the dog park at University Terrace Park. The unfenced side is dangerous for everyone. Children riding bikes/skateboards down the paved path are vulnerable to being chased by dogs in the park. Dogs using the park are more vulnerable to coyotes. Also, it would be great if you could fence off the section of the dog park closest to the basketball court for a dedicated small dog park (like they have at Skypark in Scotts Valley). (Q)
21. You have recently added a porta-potty to this park; both times I have tried to use it in the last couple of weeks, it has been locked. Is the plan to have it open and available to park users? (Q)
22. At University Terrace Park, I appreciate the addition of the porta-potty. Even though it's not attractive, it's been much needed. I wish that the location had been more carefully thought out; the concrete base was placed near a storm drain going to the bay. (Q)
23. At University Terrace Park, the gopher activity is extensive, so the central flat field is so pocked with holes and mounds that it seems unusable for any soccer practice or kids' running activities. I favor barn owl nest boxes for gopher control, but even without "control" the field could have periodic repair with topsoil spot-filling and new grass planting in autumn if there's rain. (Q)
24. The paved drainage channel through the dog-run area has gotten seriously eroded, and needs repair before we get El Nino heavy rains. (Q)
25. Meder St/University Terrace Park - put water faucet/fountain inside dog park, near table for the dogs. (Q)



- 26. Meder St Park has a very active basketball usage. Maybe another court? (Q)
- 27. Restroom at Meder St. (Q)
- 28. A separated area just for dogs less than 25 lbs. added to the dog park at University Terrace/Meder St. Park. (Q)
- 29. I live up the street from University Terrace Park on Meder St. I really appreciate that you enclosed the dog park but would like to see a separate area within for smaller dogs. Many of my neighbors have small dogs and would like to have an area for their small dogs. (Q)
- 30. Division of existing dog park at Meder Street (University Terrace) Park into "large dog" and "small dog" areas. (Q)
- 31. Openings under fence at either end of drainage culvert at the south end of the dog park (nearest the tennis courts). These openings can and have allowed small, off-leash dogs escape the dog park and run into the adjacent park and surrounding neighborhood. (Q)

**TOWN CLOCK**

- 1. Require the new Lighthouse Bank to pay for the upkeep on this park space. (C)
- 2. Prevent homeless and campers from taking over the square - scary and unpleasant. (C)
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**WEST CLIFF**

- 1. Plant native bee, bird, and butterfly friendly landscape. (C)
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- 3. Interpretive signage for birds - work with Bird Club. (C)
- 4. Add picnic tables. (C)
- 5. Add exercise equipment. (C)
- 6. More restrooms between lighthouse and Natural Bridges. (C)
- 7. Ban dangerous Segways. (C)
- 8. Parcourse at rear of building/tables. (D)
- 9. Path needs paving and repaint "keep right" arrows. (D)
- 10. Parking meters for west cliff parking lots, season pass for locals to park for free. (D)

- 11. Keep parking free to not deter tourism. (D)
- 12. Try to sweep/clean parking lots weekly. (D)
- 13. One-way part of West Cliff Drive to dedicate to non-motorized vehicles and wheelchairs. (C)
- 14. West Cliff could use picnic tables and restroom. (C)
- 15. Larger, more prominently placed "No Smoking" signs at the Its Beach overlook, the parking lot, and all along West Cliff (Currently one small sign on trash can at overlook and one large sign on west side of lighthouse - not visible to many people to reach overlook from east). (L)
- 16. Beach area and West Cliff. More big green trash cans to fix the old ugly concrete cans. (L)
- 17. Surveillance cameras on the lighthouse. (Q)
- 18. People jumping the railing for picnics or photos. (Q)
- 19. More restrooms on West Cliff. (Q)
- 20. The fence on West Cliff has significant gaps that our small children could squeeze through. (Q)
- 21. More benches. (Q)
- 22. Please don't plant Queen Anne palms. Not native. Very Home Depot. (Q)
- 23. Painted line delineating pathway, not solid. People can pass but otherwise stay to the right. West cliff walkway. (Q)
- 24. Playground. (Q)
- 25. Playground. (Q)
- 26. Remove ice plant populations and restore coastal scrub communities. (Q)
- 27. Railing near museum is rusted and unsafe. (Q)
- 28. Woodrow Ave median is beautiful and should be an example of all medians and parks in the city. (Q)
- 29. More bathrooms. (Q)
- 30. Picnic benches. (Q)
- 31. I actually own a miniature of the Santa Cruz Abbot Lighthouse that is playhouse-sized and that would be a wonderful addition to the area near the Lighthouse, for children to enjoy, and for attracting tourists. It would be the only Lighthouse with a miniature of itself, a rarity on the tourist Lighthouse circuit, and beautiful.
- 32. Better for bicycles vs. pedestrians would be great, too. What about a bike locker near the lighthouse? (Q)



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- 33. Safe bicycle parking along west cliff. More bike racks, plus some bike lockers. (Q)
- 34. Improve the park at Lighthouse point for walking trails and picnic tables. (Q)
- 35. Permit or 4-hour parking meters/passes on W. Cliff + parking lots @ Lighthouse Field. (Q)
- 36. No more art blocking view. (Q)

### WESTLAKE PARK

- 1. Add interpretive signage about birds (i.e. Black-Crowned Night Heron). (C)
- 2. Fabulous play and picnic areas - thank you Parks & Rec! (C)
- 3. Control Halloween festivities. (C)
- 4. Add more butterfly friendly plants. (C)
- 5. Well-maintained but overuse by UCSC students is wearing lawn. (C)
- 6. Pick-up droppings from geese. (C)
- 7. Restrooms. (D)
- 8. Enjoy Westlake pond, dog walks at Long's marine lab. (Q)
- 9. We often bring our grandkids to Westlake and Meder Street playgrounds. Very glad to have them. (Q)
- 10. Westlake is nice. (Q)
- 11. Memorial benches at West Lake Park are very nice. (Q)
- 12. Repair/upgrade irrigation system (know money is tight, but add to bucket list); Periodically overrun by groups of UCSC students - damage lawns, intimidate groups of children who have used park for soccer games in past - Members of fraternities and sororities increasingly using for social events - IDEAS: Prohibit cleated shoes (include on signage), Establish a sign-up/reservation system so children's groups will not be prevented from using park by large UCSC groups, Consider system that gives preference to children's groups who have no other options; Given drought, appreciate City's efforts to maintain park. (C)
- 13. Westlake Park is very safe & clean - makes for a much happier experience for us. (C)
- 14. Bathrooms - Westlake, shade sails, at least over slides. (Q)
- 15. Add restroom. (Q)
- 16. Add restroom. (Q)
- 17. Add restroom. (Q)

- 18. Add restroom. (Q)
- 19. Add restroom. (Q)
- 20. Add restroom. (Q)
- 21. A baby swing. There are two handicap swings and no baby swing. (Q)
- 22. More barriers to water to protect smaller kids. (Q)
- 23. A little more shade. (Q)
- 24. Small biking trail. (Q)
- 25. Happy about more birthday facilities and bounce house rentals. (Q)
- 26. Off-leash dog area. (Q)
- 27. Replenish the sand quantity. (Q)
- 28. Put a cover of the drinking fountain, extra water flows into a grate. (Q)
- 29. Put a low impact development feature in the park to utilize the extra water that is not drunk from the drinking fountain for a tree or shrub. (Q)
- 30. One more picnic table at the area for parties would be helpful. (Q)
- 31. An extra climbing feature with the play structure would be fun for the older kids, like the new one at DeLaveaga Park. (Q)
- 32. Turf maintenance in water rationing is tough. It might be helpful to maintain the turf to bring up recycled water from the WWTF. And use it to keep the grassy field in good shape. If Public Works builds a fill-up bulk water station with recycled water, could the City Parks acquire a truck or use one to maintain the grassy play areas with a portable pumping system to tie into existing irrigation equipment? (Q)
- 33. Westlake Park, Felt Street Park: enforce the leash law and clean up the dog feces. (Q)
- 34. Bathrooms at Westlake. (Q)
- 35. West Lake Pond Park - add additional picnic table and garbage receptacle at south end of park. Water needs to be skimmed more frequently. Nice job of controlling the fowl population & protecting them. (Q)
- 36. Westlake Park badly needs a restroom. Hundreds of people use this park. I've seen football and soccer teams practicing in the field. People walk their dogs there. Children go fishing there. Families picnic at the tables near the playground. And yet, they all have to leave the park to go find a restroom elsewhere. The local 7-Eleven



doesn't allow theirs for public use, so this is a major inconvenience. I know that digging and installing plumbing and constructing a new building is very costly for the city. At Sgt. Derby Park there is a porta-potty chemical toilet. This is all that is really needed. If the city can maintain a porta-potty in that park, then why not place one, or two at Westlake Park? I'm sure the people who visit Westlake would greatly appreciate a place to go to the bathroom when it's urgent.

### **WESTSIDE PUMP TRACK**

1. Better maintenance. Weekly/monthly. (Q)
2. Allotted time for experienced riders to clear the track for practice and safety. Lap times. (Q)
3. Water fountain. (Q)
4. Tools. (Q)
5. The Westside Pump Track is a good start. It is often crowded with small children so I tend not to use it. (Q)



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**APPENDIX 5.6: STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS**

- A. List of Stakeholder Interviews
- B. Stakeholder Interview Notes

**A. LIST OF STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS**

- Meta Rhodeos, City of Santa Cruz Central Division Field Supervisor: January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Andrew Eisenberg, City of Santa Cruz Eastside Division Field Supervisor: January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015
- Steve Gomez, City of Santa Cruz Westside Division Field Supervisor: January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Paul Lee, Proponent of Circle Trail Concept: March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Rachel Kaufman, Louden Nelson Community Center Director: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Heather Reiter, City of Santa Cruz Chief Ranger: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Jon Bombacci, City of Santa Cruz Wharf Supervisor: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Mark Davidson, Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz County Leader: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Greg Pepping & Laurie Egan, Coastal Watershed Council Executive Director & Stewardship Coordinator: April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- David Terrazas, City of Santa Cruz Councilmember: April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- FOCUS GROUP: Sports Field User Group Representatives: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- FOCUS GROUP: Friends of Parks and Recreation (FOPAR): September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**B. STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW NOTES**

**META RHODEOS, CITY OF SANTA CRUZ CENTRAL DIVISION FIELD SUPERVISOR: JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

Focused discussion on parks that had not been covered in-depth during site visits with supervisors: Laurel Park, Beach Flats Park, Mission Plaza, Poet’s Park, and Harvey West’s Wagner Grove.

**Laurel Park**

- Great opportunities here because of association with Louden Community Center
  - Currently being used for many programs, but could be expanded (especially for seniors)
- Most issues can be solved by increased programming
  - There has been discussion of fencing the park for night-time closure, but rather not resort to that
- Areas for Improvement:
  - Upgrade electrical access for events (electrical only off of building now)
  - Improved ADA access (currently meets guidelines but could be more “user-friendly”)
  - Encourage more activities than picnicking
  - More maintenance staff (currently have landscape and turf ideas, but no staff to make improvements)
- General:
  - Playground recently redone, so no need to make further improvements

**Beach Flats Park**

- General:
  - Heart of the community - very well-used park because of adjacencies to community center (not City affiliated) and pre-school



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- Small stage used extensively by community (non-profit groups, pre-school, clubs, parties) – no noise complaints even when DJ brought in for parties
- Drugs used to be huge problem, but no longer (removed restroom and involved community more so have increased presence)
- Electrical being upgraded now
- Issues:
  - Mural that community wanted to re-do
- Areas for Improvement:
  - Kids playground could be updated
  - Resilient matting in tot lot should be replaced with pour-in-place matting

### Mission Plaza

- General:
  - Beautiful park with fountain – used on daily basis as lunch spot and waiting spot for child pick-up
  - Japanese Cultural Fair is the big annual one-day event
  - Plaza also used for weddings, church carnival, parties, and other smaller events
  - Some transient population sleeping under trees, but no complaints from community
- Areas for Improvement:
  - Decomposed granite pathways have erosion issues from high-use and run-off issues where DG ends up in street – binder and French drains have been added in some areas
  - Find more permanent material solution – stamped concrete or something porous

### Poet's Park

- Areas for Improvement:
  - Community gardens are under-utilized – find different use or configuration for space (reconfigured into larger plots, add play areas (swings))
  - Add question about this for the community meetings

### Harvey West Park

- Wagner Grove (Redwood grove above the cottage)
  - Used to be reserve-able picnic area, but now under-utilized
  - Discussion to add a stage or platform for weddings and summer theater courses/camps

### ANDREW EISENBERG, CITY OF SANTA CRUZ EASTSIDE DIVISION FIELD SUPERVISOR: JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2015

Focused discussion on parks that had not been covered in-depth during site visits with supervisors: Frederick Street Park, Ocean View Park, and Tyrrell Park.

### Frederick Street Park

- General:
  - 4 acre neighborhood park with large central turf area (that acts as off-leash dog area), playground, tot lot, picnic and BBQ areas (with nautical theme and view over harbor), small sand volleyball court (one of last in City), historic skate bowl, and “Obelisk” (oldest art installment in park system – talk of renovation or decommission)
  - Tot lot and playground drainage, ground treatment, and paving renovated last year; tot lot play equipment being renovated/updated this year; Big kids playground equipment being renovated/updated next year
  - Restrooms renovated 12 years ago, no need for additional renovations
  - Steep stairway up from harbor used to be vital connection to Live Oak, but is less critical with the opening of Arana Gulch
- Issues:
  - Off-leash dog area not fenced, so dogs end up in other areas
  - Erosion/run-off back hillside of park – moving amenities closer to street would alleviate this problem
  - Lack of parking, especially because of new housing development adjacent
  - Tough to maintain large turf area (holes from gophers and digging dogs)





- Opportunities & Areas for Improvement:
  - Ideas for new amenities include slacklines, reservable picnic spaces, fenced compound for Arana maintenance vehicles
  - Since most amenities at far eastern end of park, would be easy to take some of the turf area close to Frederick Street and create additional parking and/or move shift some amenities closer to the street (i.e. basic and reservable picnic spaces)

**Ocean View Park**

- General:
  - Ranked #1 family park in the City due to location (adjacency to beach and boardwalk) and play areas
  - Pilot park for off-leash dogs in 2007 – very effective there (self-policing)
  - Plenty of memorial benches
  - Unique artwork – original building pillars from downtown that were left from the 1989 earthquake
- Issues:
  - Play area flooding (currently re-doing drainage system)
  - Drug use – largely fixed by motion sensor lights, renovated restrooms (stalls with partitions instead of locking room)
  - Eroding and slippery trail down to East Cliff Drive and Jessie Street Marsh - Used to be paved service road, then created ADA accessible path with switchbacks, but people cut through and eroded hillside and planting
- Opportunities & Areas for Improvement:
  - Re-pave path down to Jessie Street Marsh - either non-ADA accessible or add ADA-accessible spur trail from behind basketball court through eucalyptus grove (which would also make area more visible and easier for security detail to access)
  - Additional paved service road to South Branciforte Avenue
  - On pathways in park, replace DG with permeable paving (i.e. GraniteCrete)

**Tyrrell Park**

- General:
  - Historical and educational value
  - Natural History Museum on-site, City only maintains the grounds and whale sculpture
    - Whale is solid concrete inside a fiberglass and mesh “skin” (makes it safer for the huge numbers of children who climb on it)
    - Low maintenance from City perspective (no restroom – people go to State Beach bathroom across street)
    - Community group adopted park and helps maintain with volunteers
  - Tons of traffic from school groups during the school year and beach-goers in summer
  - Coastal native garden, seasonal creek, large trees (lots of raptors), amphitheater for school programs
- Issues:
  - Lack of dedicated parking
- Opportunities & Areas for Improvement:
  - Convert front lawn to perennials, but need to be maintenance easy (i.e. native grasses)
  - Add exhibits or installations in park (panels to read as walk through)

**STEVE GOMEZ, CITY OF SANTA CRUZ WESTSIDE DIVISION FIELD SUPERVISOR: JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

Focused discussion on park that had not been covered in-depth during site visits with supervisors: Sgt. Derby Park.

**Sgt. Derby Park**

- General:
  - Biggest users are immediately adjacent residents, school children on recess and skate bowl users - Residents think of it as their own



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- Tennis courts currently being renovated (new fence, surfacing, net, striping to accommodate Pickleball, etc.)
- Potential to create a soccer field through a Joint Use Agreement with school
- Currently (4) practice Frisbee golf baskets in turf area, several picnic areas, playground, skate bowl, large turf areas
- Issues:
  - Lack of Access from Delaware Avenue
    - Skate bowl users rip holes in fence to cut through private property/business area
  - Graffiti – in skate park and portable toilet
  - BBQ Pits – people love using them, but repeated issues (in whole Westside zone) with people starting fires (Garfield is only Westside park that still has BBQs)
  - Dog Area
    - Not currently off-leash, but used as such; cannot fence in an area because local residents don't want change
  - Infrastructure – asphalt pathways crumbling
- Opportunities & Areas for Improvement:
  - Improve access from Delaware Avenue
    - Utilize drainage area as pathway with gate
    - Establish mutual parking contract with business owners on Delaware Street
  - Entryway improvements to make the Woodland Way and San Jose Avenue entry corridors more noticeable and park-like
    - Asphalt for service vehicles
    - Archways, planting, signage
  - Extend skate park - remove volleyball court and create extension of existing skate park that is geared towards smaller children (existing is meant for more experienced skaters and mixing the true groups can be a safety issue)
  - Add amenities adjacent to playground (benches, etc.)
  - Plenty of space to add elements
    - Remote Control Parks (Steve's idea)

### **PAUL LEE, PROPONENT OF CIRCLE TRAIL CONCEPT: MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

Paul Lee started the first organic garden at UCSC in 1967, helped to make Pogonip a park, and conceived the Circle Trail idea just before 2000. The Circle Trail would be a 27-mile long circular trail with Eastside and Westside loops. It would act as a trail network to connect major park destinations throughout the City of Santa Cruz and would provide offshoots from the central spine to connect nearby parks and offer smaller loops for users that do not want to walk the full Circle Trail.

### **Opportunities & Areas For Improvement**

- City would like to implement Circle Trail
  - Large amount of the Circle Trail already exist
  - Some gaps to resolve
    - Possibly utilize rails to trail style program
    - Focus on Westside
- Add interpretive signage and themed sensory gardens along trail
- For inclusion in Master Plan
  - Put policies and actions in place to support Circle Trail
    - Purchase property to bridge gaps
    - Partner with organizations and property owners

### **RACHEL KAUFMAN, LOUDEN NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTOR: MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

Discussion focused on the community center as well as the adjacent Laurel Park.

### **Community Center**

- General:
  - Community Center since 1978, school before that
  - Much loved and well-used building by the community
  - Lots of multi-generational programming (so on track with national trends)



- Issues:
  - Building facility maintenance issues (lighting, boiler system, asbestos abatement) – need more help
- Opportunities & Areas for Improvement:
  - Physical upgrades:
    - Add camera in theater for filming shows
    - Re-model dressing rooms
    - Renovate the 25 year old track risers
    - Improve ventilation and air quality in Senior computer room
    - Renovate Senior offices area – have open front counter that is more open and inviting, supervisor has own office
    - More storage (i.e. ping pong tables)
    - More indoor ping pong tables
      - Outdoor tables nice but not good for serious players
  - Would love to have joint use with school to have gym access
  - Need additional staff for maintenance (currently one person 20 hours per week)
  - Need additional staff for programming
  - More outdoor events and programs that utilize adjacency of Laurel Park (currently only 4 per year)

**Laurel Park**

- General:
  - Very popular playground that spans many age groups
  - Large grassy area that’s good for relaxing and play
  - Basketball court is now multi-use and supports pickleball play
  - Chess table on patio
- Issues:
  - Homeless population
    - Sleeping in park, especially on the hills at the perimeter of the lawn area
    - Camping in park and using restrooms

- Homeless like this park more than San Lorenzo Park (feels safer to them)
- Drug dealing drive-thru at the corner (one-way street with high visibility to easy to evade police)
- Opportunities & Areas for Improvement:
  - Would love to have an outdoor “WiFi Café” with umbrellas and seating
    - Can’t because of homeless population monopolizing these tables
  - Add picnic tables
  - Senior Fitness Course – add exercise equipment
  - Senior Garden
  - Restore historic mural on side of community center

**HEATHER REITER, CITY OF SANTA CRUZ CHIEF RANGER: MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**Rangers as Law Enforcement**

Rangers are often in the business of keeping parks safe as public safety is a chief concern. There are 4 core tasks for rangers - natural resource management, park maintenance of open spaces, interpretation, and law enforcement. Currently, law enforcement takes 75% of ranger’s time, but the rangers should not be perceived as just law enforcement. Ideally, each ranger should be focused on natural resource management.

**Opportunities & Areas for Improvement**

Harvey West, the San Lorenzo River, and parts of Pogonip have the most negative uses. Harvey West in particular has issues with camping and drug use. When the recycling center was closed, the rangers issued zero citations in the area, so it should be permanently closed. To additionally combat these negative uses, employ intelligent design to reduce the impact of the negatively-viewed demographics by increasing positive uses of park space.

Expand footprint of the rangers and have staff to do history programs and school programs. It is easy to be caught in the here and now



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problems related to law enforcement, but the City should be preserving its history as well.

Increase diversity in open spaces and cater to underserved populations by offering programs to attract minorities, all age groups, and Spanish speakers.

### **JON BOMBACCI, CITY OF SANTA CRUZ WHARF SUPERVISOR: MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

The Wharf is one of Santa Cruz’s more historically important assets – it is the longest timber pile wharf in the US and celebrated its 100-year anniversary in 2014. It has the potential to have an economic impact for the City but needs to be maintained and managed properly to continue attracting visitors. The business mix could be improved and diversified to attract a variety of users, but the right developers need to be recruited. The Wharf is undervalued. For instance, wedding reservations for a seventy-five foot square plot are only \$300. Parts of the Wharf are also underutilized, especially the stage on the west side that has to contend with variable weather that makes instruments go out of tune. Canopies and wind shields should be installed here to protect performers and audience members from the weather.

#### **Understanding Funding**

The Wharf’s regular source of funding is now the general fund, but was previously the enterprise fund which utilized rents from parking and buildings for the maintenance of beaches. The only direct source of revenue for the Wharf is rent from buildings. Public Works maintains the parking, so revenue generated there goes into the general fund, and revenue from reservations for beach events also goes into the general fund.

### **MARK DAVIDSON, MOUNTAIN BIKERS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY LEADER: APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

#### **General**

- Organization helped construct multi-use trails (not just for bikes)

- Huge growth in mountain bikers in Santa Cruz
  - All ages – start young and treat as life-long sport
  - Women’s market exploding – Santa Cruz Bikes has a women’s line
- Like Park City, UT as a model of biking community

#### **Opportunities & Areas For Improvement**

- Classes & Practice Space
  - Children’s classes to learn “bike smarts”
    - Teresa Rogerson – bike advocate, works with Health Services
  - Skills clinics for advanced riders (increase)
    - Need paved concrete lot to practice and teach – parking lot works but want something permanent that can be rented out and reserved
  - Add Pump Track/Bike Tracks in Neighborhood Parks
    - Possibly even as joint use with schools
    - Want to have easy access to learn skills so need nearby
    - Aptos Pump Track and Jump Facility closing, so looking for replacement facility - Need one jump facility in county
- More trail connections
  - Alternate entrances to DeLaveaga Park
    - Needed to reach upper areas of park without biking along narrow, windy Branciforte Drive
  - Connect Henry Cowell Park to Pogonip
  - Coordinate with County and UCSC and water department to utilize their land for trails
    - Lock Lomond, Bonnie Doone Ecological Reserve, Laguna Creek, etc.
  - Create Felton-Santa Cruz recreational trail and transportation/commuter corridor (no safe way to commute now)
  - Repurpose rails for trails
  - Have trails integrated into city fabric so part of getting around city (pass museums, facilities, beach, etc.)



- More designated, well-maintained, signed, rated trails with varying degrees of difficulty
  - More variety of difficulty
    - Won't need to create illegal trails – this will combat erosion issue
    - DeLaveaga trails have variety and challenges, but all on one trail, so end up with beginner's doing more advanced terrain
    - If can't create entire new trails, have shoot offs from main trail to reach more advanced features and terrain – good for training and learning as well
  - One-way Trails in Pogonip to alleviate traffic
    - Have one-way up and one-way down trails to ease congestion and increase safety
  - Re-designate Pogonip trails for multi-use – follow Pogonip Master Plan
    - Spring Trail – designate multi-use
    - Yukon Trail – discussed as multi-use in master plan
    - Ring Road – discussed as multi-use in master plan; since road, less negative impacts and easy to open for bikes
  - Signage and maps at trailheads – mark difficulty levels at trail junctions
  - Maintenance kits at trailheads for minor repairs
    - Get donors to sponsor each kit (\$1000 per kit since weatherized)

**GREG PEPPING & LAURIE EGAN, COASTAL WATERSHED COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STEWARDSHIP COORDINATOR: APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**San Lorenzo Urban River Plan (SLURP) still relevant**

- CWC created table showing what has been accomplished from plan
- Generally, still feel that the goals of the plan align with what people want (reason for conducting outreach to confirm this)

**Information Gathering & Public Outreach**

- Want to make sure that they have community support behind anything try to implement
- Coastal Watershed Council conducted (5) community workshops (“forums”) to gather input on what people wanted to see along the different stretches of the river
  - 577 participants
  - Same sticky note application methodology – separated into hard (infrastructure/amenities) vs. soft (programs) items
- Top Ten Priorities for Lower Watershed
  - Riverside Food & Drink, Paddling Access, Amenities, Educational Resources, Art/Music/Events, Better Habitat, River Recreation, Improved Pathways, Improved Safety, Improved Water Quality

**Focus on Transitional Reach of River for Development & Improvements (Laurel Street to Water Street)**

- Includes San Lorenzo Park
- With housing shortage, developers see river as possible amenity – just need to make improvements
  - Fees for development can go towards park funds to do improvements
- Success defined by cleaner water and people connecting to the river

**DAVID TERRAZAS, CITY OF SANTA CRUZ COUNCILMEMBER: APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

Discussion of Linear Shoreline Park concept as well as ideas for goals and policies to consider for the final Master Plan.

**Linear Shoreline Park Concept**

- Use the existing West Cliff Accent park and extend along the shore all the way to the harbor
  - Extend along full edge of City to show the extensive, signature coastal shoreline environment



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- Convert areas that were just for infrastructure into economic generator
- Each section currently managed by different agency (Public Works manages some paths and railings, Parks & Recreation manages rest, Coastal Commission manages beach), combining agencies would:
  - Streamline permitting process with the Coastal Commission
    - Have blanket EIR for park so that as long as changes fall within this, not necessary to get approval for every action (i.e. currently, they have to get permit just to pull ice plant)
  - Increase ability and ease of grant application
  - Increase ability to engage with residents for support and sponsorship of projects
  - Standardize furnishings and design of pathways, railings, sculptures, and overlooks
- Area is currently designated as an OFR (Ocean Recreational Zone), but could also designate as a park which will make the following easier:
  - Park planning
  - Unified management
  - Getting funding
  - Identifying infrastructure needs
- Policies & Actions:
  - Thoughts about design standards, environmental review
  - Beach Management Plan would fall within this new zone
  - Need to outline zoning code changes that would need to happen to make this a reality

### Other Ideas

- Beach Playground on Cowell Beach
  - Temporary/movable playground most likely because beach in the tidal zone
- Rock climbing on beach wall – safer because low and will fall back onto sand

### Ideas for Master Plan Goals & Policies

- At highest level, create goal: “Use existing parks as economic generator” with sub-goals:
  - “City to approve amendment to create park”
  - “Create continuous bluff park that considers pathway improvements, wayfinding signage, and water quality”
  - “Ensure uniformity of materials/design within each park to create a toolbox for further improvements in the future (fencing, paths, planting, etc.)”
- Create high-level goal: “Create a comprehensive network of trails within and around the City of Santa Cruz” with sub-goals:
  - “Connect the mountains to the ocean”
  - “Create a Circle Trail”
  - “Look for property to purchase in order to create new trails”
  - “Look for opportunities to link Wilder Ranch to Moore Creek Preserve”
- Another high-level goal: “Explore opportunities for expansion of existing parks and creation of new parks” with sub-goals:
  - “Add more sports fields to the Santa Cruz Parks network”
  - “Explore converting the City-owned property adjacent to Antonelli Ponds into a sports fields park”

### FOCUS GROUP: SPORTS FIELD USER GROUP REPRESENTATIVES: JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

#### Attendees

Stephen Cramer, President, GALS  
 Steve Peters, President, Palomino/Colt/Pony Baseball League  
 Troy Mayers, Orca Sports  
 Kevin “Skippy” Givens, USCS Club Sports Club & Intramural Sports  
 Marciano Cruz, La Liga de la Comunidad  
 Ramiro Garcia, La Liga de la Comunidad  
 Buddy Carrigan  
 Heather Gerwin, President, Santa Cruz City Youth Soccer Club



**Quality of City Fields**

- Harvey West
  - Field four has gopher holes.
  - Need better pitching mounds.
  - Need to fix ruts.
  - Difficult to have pristine fields when outfields need to be universally used.
  - Might be able to save costs by better maintenance of the infield. There is a chance for injury. Lower the grass cut and lip on the infield line.
  - Fields look exceptionally well given the drought.
  - Weed abatement is necessary.
- UCSC-People are very positive about the fields. Thankful to be able to play. The school has a long range plan to move towards artificial turf. May lead to less use from UCSC students.
- Scott Kennedy Fields
  - Field is excellent.
  - Dimensions and areas of practice at Scott Kennedy fields are good.

**Potential Improvements**

- Do not create artificial turf baseball fields.
- Need bathroom at Harvey West Park, maybe near fields 4 and 5. One for ladies and one for men.
- More bathrooms near Friendship Gardens.
- Install grass in the infields.
- Improve the pitching mounds – Harvey West Field 4.
- Lower the grass cut and lip on the infield line – Harvey West Field 4.
- Harvey West Field 4 needs work on the score board. Cannot see lights during day because of glare.
- Movable goals for kids so that the fields can be rented and will allow for more flexibility to setup practices at Scott Kennedy Fields. They can be stored there so people don't have to bring their own to practice. The same would be helpful at Harvey West.

**Safety**

- Harvey West Field 6 has had very difficult issues. There have been fights between the homeless. They go through garbage cans and leave a mess.
- Lower pathway along 1<sup>st</sup> base and right field does not have good lighting to the bathroom.
- Evergreen Street has overgrowth from trees which block the street lights.
- There have been break-ins and vandalism. Harvey West Fields 4 and 6 snack bars. A hole was torn in the wall.
- More Police and Ranger patrols are necessary.

**Use Issues**

- If there were more facilities, they would be used.
- Time limits are set on pony games but not necessarily a facility issue. Not enough time to work through all the games in the post season.
- Soccer practices in Spring are impacted by facility space.
- Marciano only gets one month out of the year and they need to play from 5 -10 p.m. which is too late for children to play. Don't have enough space. La Liga needs more options.
- There is not enough room to accommodate off-season play.
- LaCrosse is growing in demand.
- Membership: Pony has been increasing. Gals decreased. Youth Soccer increased. Women's softball and lacrosse will continue to grow with USCS students.
- Overall, their programs would increase with additional field space.

**Other City Parks Used for Practice**

- Youth soccer uses Frederick Street Park, Westlake, University Terrace, and City school fields.
- The parks do not make the best practice fields because they have uneven surfaces and gopher holes.



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### Potential Expansion

- Anywhere.
- Near bus route would be helpful.
- Indoor soccer is an option – possibly use PCS gym
- Don't use the tire pellets for artificial turf.
- There is a perfect property near Harvey West, near Wilsons.

### FOCUS GROUP: FRIENDS OF PARKS AND RECREATION (FOPAR): SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

#### Attendees

Jim Lang  
 Terry Tompkins  
 Bill Simpson  
 Hollie Locatelli  
 Charlie Verutti  
 Noah Downing, City Staff  
 Josh Clevenger, City Staff

#### Summary of Focus Group Discussion

FOPAR performs fundraising to help support scholarships and fund special projects to improve the parks system. The organization does not foresee its role expanding in the future. To be a major fund raiser would require additional professional staff, time, a larger budget, and organizational capacities beyond their mission. It is difficult to get people to donate money. Most people hang-up immediately when calls are made to homes. People are now inundated with requests to support various causes. Most donors contact FOPAR and let them know how they would like their money to be used.

FOPAR's role could expand in the future but any decision would need to fit within the organization's mission. It is important to keep the role outside of the City's political processes and stay within the bylaws.

FOPAR does not foresee its role helping to promote volunteer efforts or lead adopt a park programs. This type of activity raises concerns with liability, is time-consuming, and is better served through the City's existing CityServe Program. Donations could be sought for helping fund some volunteer efforts.

If a ballot initiative were to pass to fund park improvements, FOPAR does not see a role in being involved in funding allocation decisions. Instead, they could be provided with a prioritized list and help fund smaller projects.

FOPAR members felt that water system and irrigation enhancements, maintenance of field space, and maintaining West Cliff are areas that can be improved. Additional ADA improvements are necessary. The Pogonip Clubhouse should not be renovated because of the high cost and unusable layout. The City should explore locating more active uses in the open spaces. San Lorenzo Park is outdated and doesn't feel safe. The pond should be removed. Additional tennis and pickleball courts are needed.

In terms of priority projects for the next 5 to 10 years, the number one priority should be opening the Harvey West Pool for longer hours so children can learn to swim. The Junior Lifeguards is not "a learn to swim" program, and children should not learn to swim in the ocean. Louden Nelson is a great facility for the community and needs to be updated. The City needs a gymnasium with an indoor basketball court. The golf course should remain a public golf course. More sports fields are needed.





**APPENDIX 5.7: JOINT STUDY SESSION PRESENTATION**

Following are the presentation slides from the October 13, 2015 Joint Study Session with the Parks & Recreation Commission and City Council.





# Agenda

1. Understanding the Community & Demographic Trends
2. National Parks & Recreation Trends
3. Outreach Methodology
4. Feedback Topics for Discussion
  - a. Safety & Illegal Activities
  - b. Neighborhood Parks
  - c. Community Parks
  - d. Open Spaces
  - e. Community Facilities
  - f. New Facilities



# Understand the Community & Demographic Trends

**City of Santa Cruz Population: 62,864**

Based on 2013 U.S. Census Bureau estimate

## Age Demographics & Trends

Based on 2010 U.S. Census

### SENIORS:

- Numbers to double from 2005 to 2020
- Increased need for facilities and programs

### BABY BOOMER GENERATION:

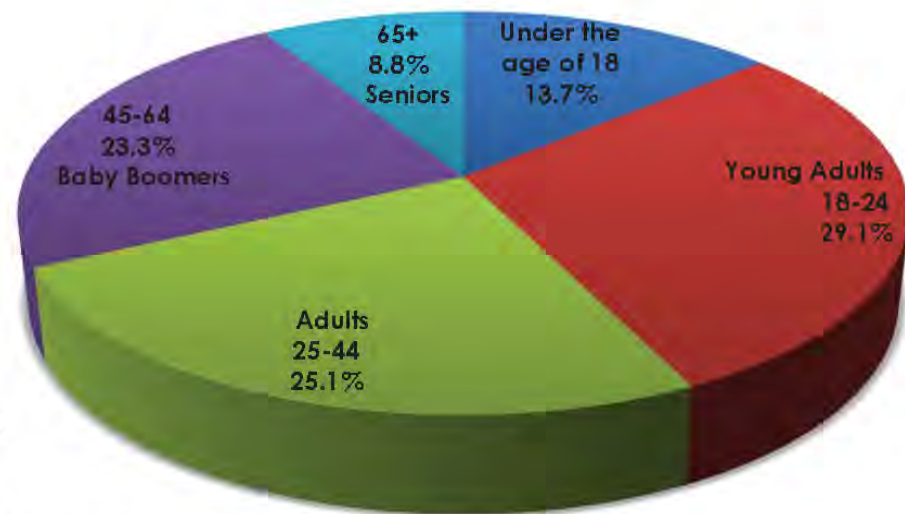
- As retiring, continue to be active
- Drawn to conservation and heritage causes

### ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS:

- Creating new alternative recreation experiences
- Waiting longer to marry so more friend and group-oriented for longer than in past generations

### UNDER 18:

- Becoming more sedentary and solitary because of technology
- Encourage outdoor recreation for social and health benefits





# National Parks & Recreation Trends



## GENERAL PARK TRENDS

... ACCESS & PUBLIC TRANSPORT



## RECREATION TRENDS

... HEALTH, FITNESS, & LIFE SPORTS



... TEAM SPORTS



... ALTERNATIVE RECREATION



## PROGRAMMING TRENDS

... GENERATIONAL PROGRAMMING



... ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS & EDUCATION



... OUTDOOR EDUCATION



... SPECIAL OUTDOOR EVENTS FACILITIES





# Outreach Methodology

## Quantitative Outreach

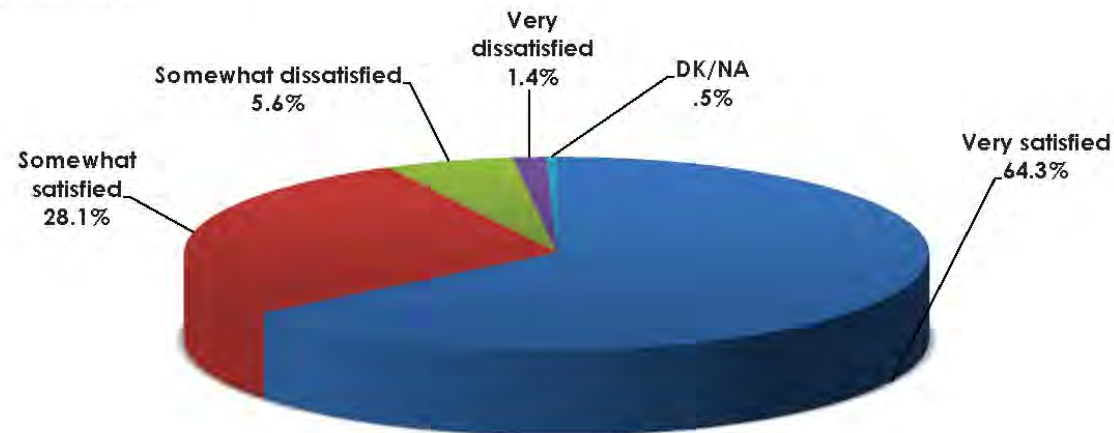
### • Phone Survey

- Statistically valid survey
- Sample Size: 304
- Residents of Santa Cruz, age 18 or older
- Conducted January 6th - 11th, 2015

#### OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH QUALITY OF LIFE

92.4% Satisfied with Quality of Life in Santa Cruz

Only 7% are Dissatisfied





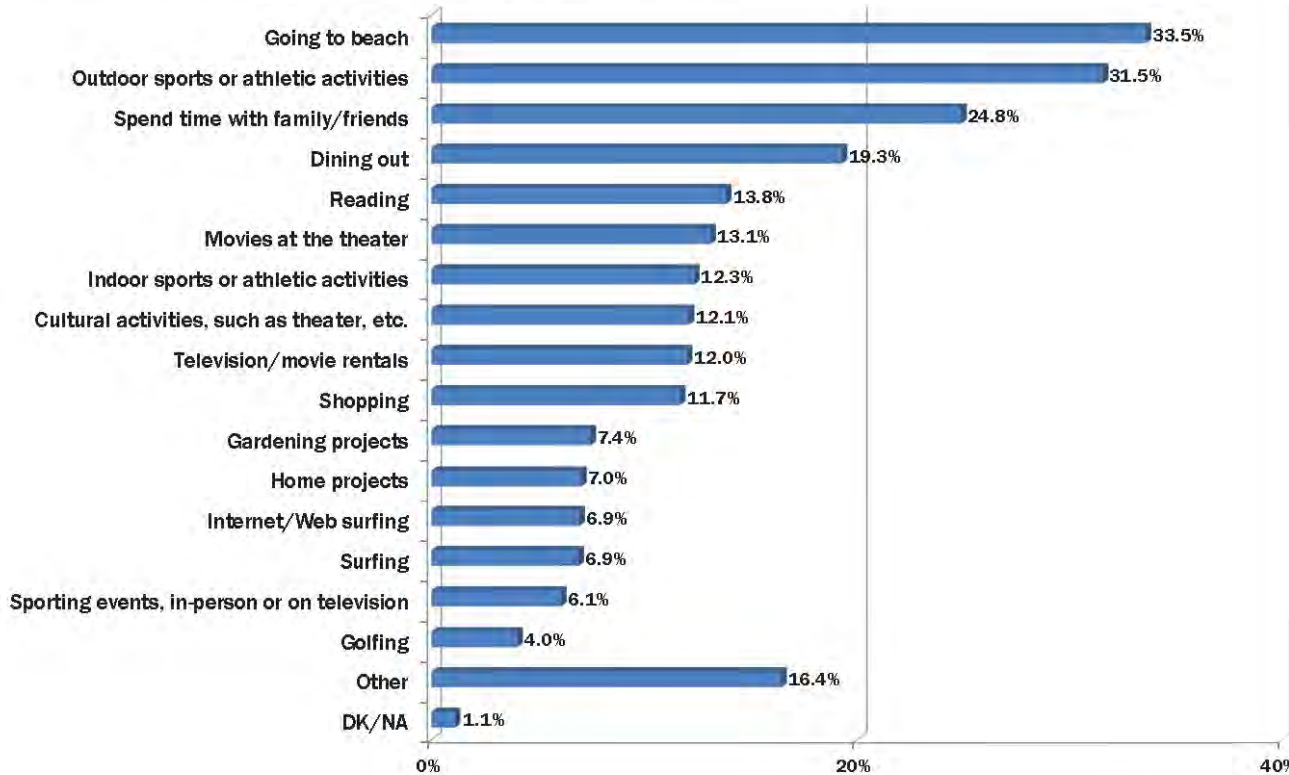
# Outreach Methodology

## Quantitative Outreach

- Phone Survey

### PREFERENCE FOR LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

Going to beach & Outdoor sports or athletic activities are most highly preferred  
Spending time with family/friends & Dining out are also popular activities





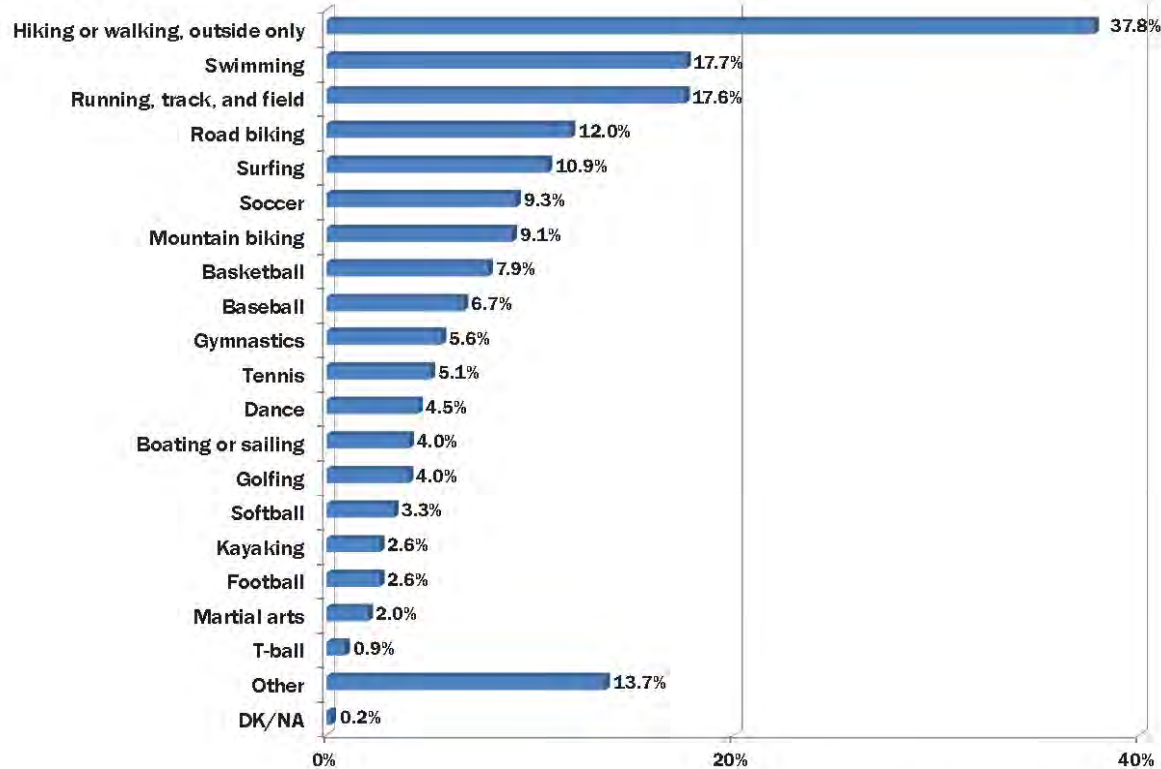
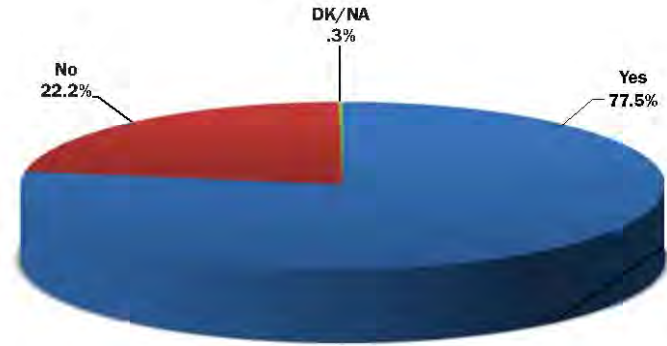
# Outreach Methodology

## Quantitative Outreach

- Phone Survey

### PARTICIPATION & PREFERENCES FOR FITNESS, ATHLETIC, OR SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Over 75% indicated participation in fitness, athletic, or sports activities  
 Strong preference for hiking or walking outside





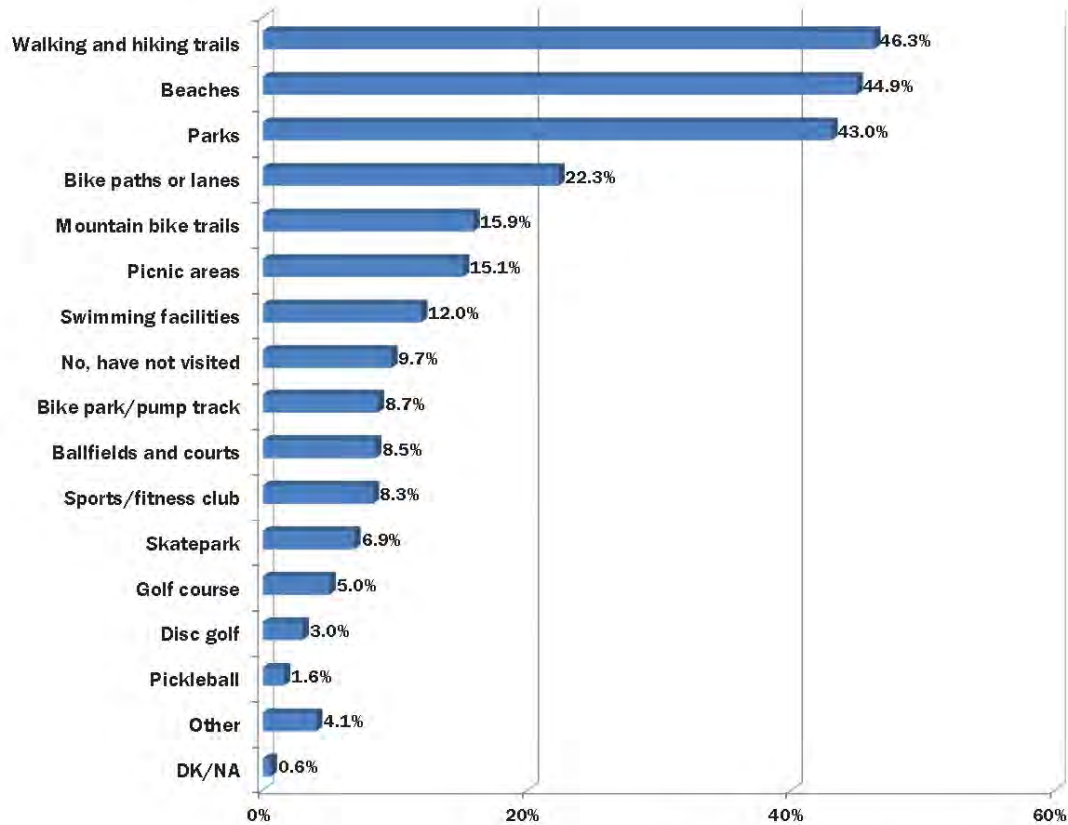
# Outreach Methodology

## Quantitative Outreach

- Phone Survey

### USE OF PARKS, TRAILS, OR FACILITIES IN PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS

Walking and hiking trails, Beaches, and Parks are the most well-used







# Outreach Methodology

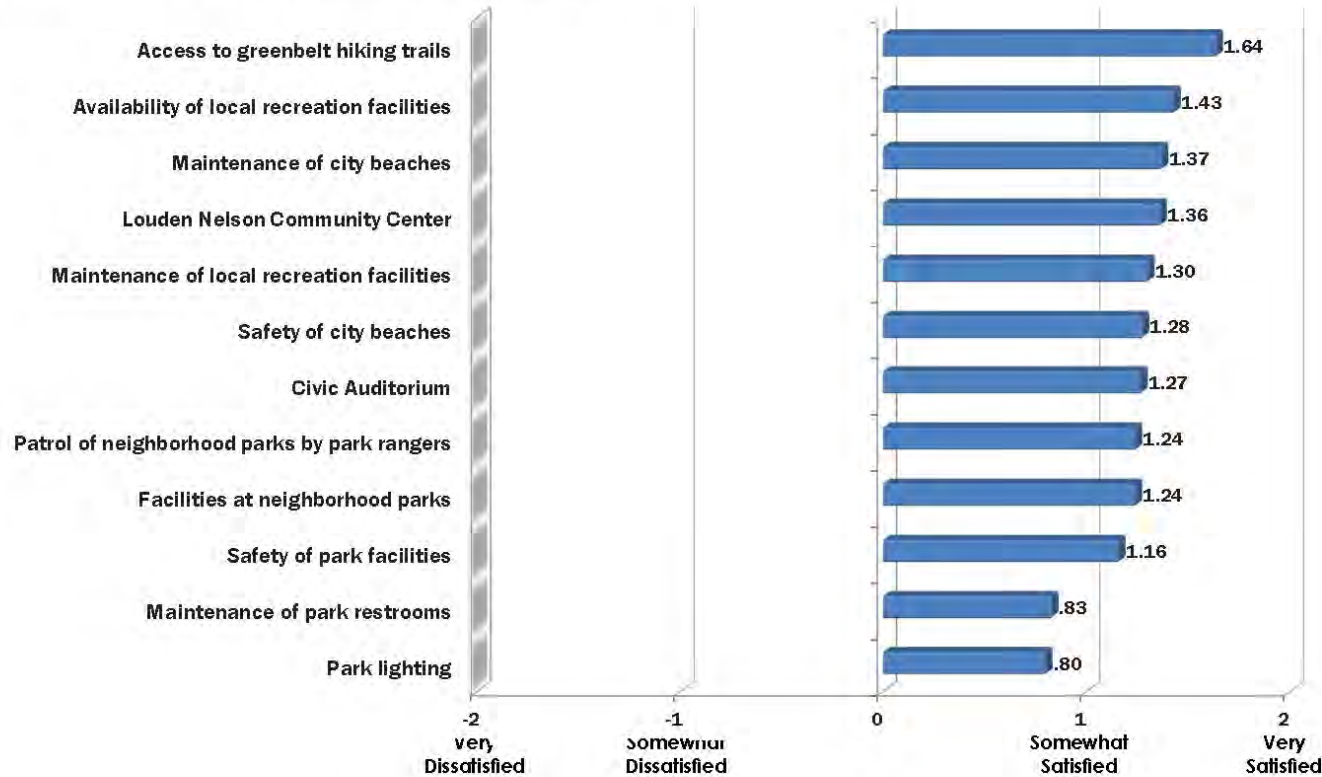
## Quantitative Outreach

- Phone Survey

### SATISFACTION WITH CITY PARK & RECREATION SERVICES

Generally satisfied with the services

Less satisfied with Maintenance of park restrooms & Park lighting





# Outreach Methodology

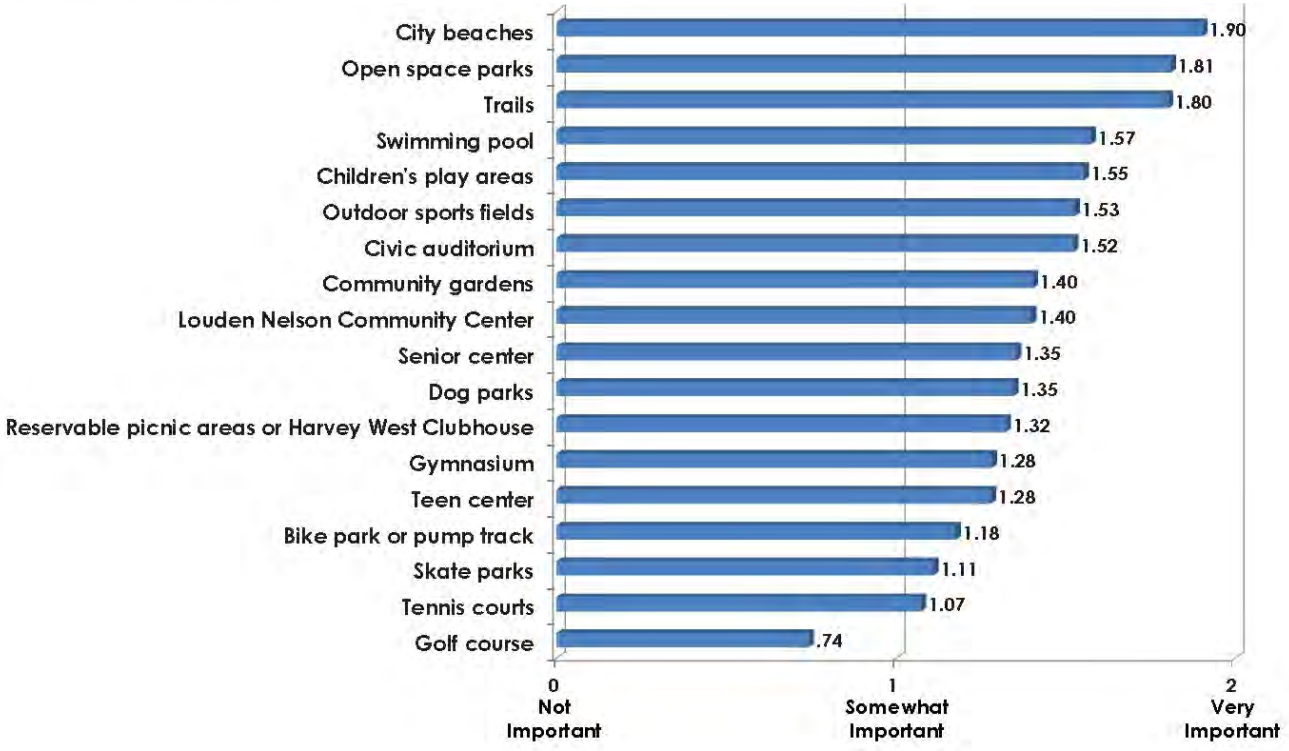
## Quantitative Outreach

- Phone Survey

### IMPORTANCE OF FACILITIES & SITES

Most important are City beaches, Open space parks, & Trails

Least important are Golf Courses

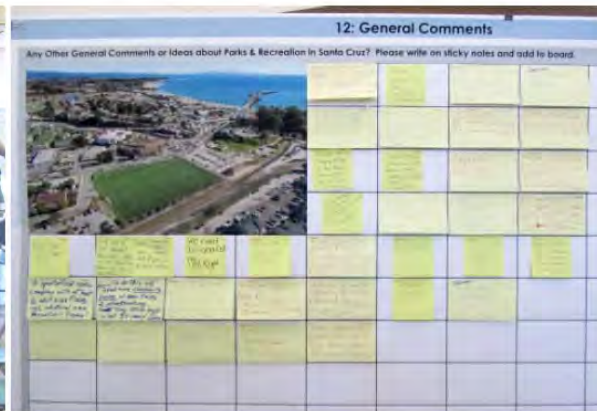




# Outreach Methodology

## Qualitative Outreach

- (2) Community Open Houses
- Parks & Recreation Department-wide Open House
- City Staff Meetings
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Questionnaire Distribution at Community Events
  - Santa Cruz Mountain Biking Festival, Earth Day, Ducky Derby, Japanese Cultural Fair, and Juneteenth
- Online Presence
  - Questionnaire & Email Comments



SANTA CRUZ PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN  
Outreach & Community Needs Summary & Discussion



# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## SAFETY & ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

### ISSUES

- Illegal camping
- Drug use and dealing
- Perception of safety





# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## SAFETY & ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

### ISSUES

- Illegal camping
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- Perception of safety

### POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES & SOLUTIONS

- Park hosts
- Increased presence of Park Rangers and Police teams
- Increased citing authority for park rangers
- Activation of illegal activity “hot spots” to deter misconduct
- Fencing some neighborhood parks
- Closing areas of concentrated illegal activity
- Additional lighting and live cameras





# Feedback Topics for Discussion NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

## ISSUES

- Restrooms
- Use of parks by large groups/sports groups
- Need for additional site furnishings (i.e. benches, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, etc.)
- Playground design
- New neighborhood parks



Central Park

Sgt. Derby Park

Westlake Park

Round Tree Park





# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

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- New neighborhood parks

### POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES & SOLUTIONS

- Group use of neighborhood parks
  - Continue to allow team practice in lawn areas
  - Create reservable group areas
  - Establish criteria for non-reservable area use by large groups
- Addition of new restrooms
  - Requested at: Bethany Curve, Sgt Derby Park, University Terrace Park, Westlake Park
- Update existing and add new playgrounds
- Continue to search for new neighborhood park space





# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## COMMUNITY PARKS: DeLaveaga Park

### ISSUES

- Trails
  - Lack of trail connections
  - Multi-use conflicts
- Access to Upper DeLaveaga - vehicular & trail
- Disc Golf Course
  - Lack of maintenance
  - Impact of natural resources
- Lack of awareness of Archery Range
- Loss of historical sites







# Feedback Topics for Discussion

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- Lack of awareness of Archery Range
- Loss of historical sites

### POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES & SOLUTIONS

- New trails
- Santa Cruz Shakespeare
- Formalize relationship with Archery Range & Disc Golf
  - Maximize community awareness and usage
  - Pay to play for Disc Golf
- Restoration of historical sites (zoo, trails, bridge, etc.)
  - George Washington Covered Bridge





# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## COMMUNITY PARKS: Harvey West Park

### ISSUES

- Lack of pool access
- Aging facilities
- Lack of safety





# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## COMMUNITY PARKS: Harvey West Park

### ISSUES

- Lack of pool access
- Aging facilities
- Lack of safety

### POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES & SOLUTIONS

- Pool
  - Longer pool season and hours
  - Upgrade pool facilities
  - Incorporate health/exercise facility
- Park host
- Upgrade park sports facilities
  - Lighting
  - Artificial turf
  - Fencing
  - Benches
  - Bleachers
- Activate park with special use facilities
  - Pump track, bocce ball, pickleball, tournament facilities, etc.





# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## COMMUNITY PARKS: San Lorenzo Park

### ISSUES

- Lack of safety
- Lack of amenities and facilities





# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## COMMUNITY PARKS: San Lorenzo Park

### ISSUES

- Lack of safety
- Lack of amenities and facilities

### POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES & SOLUTIONS

- Activate park with more formal recreational uses & events
  - Pickleball, pump track, volleyball, horseshoe pits, etc.
  - Food trucks, performances, festivals, etc.
- Redesign of park
  - Renovate or remove pond
  - Add more infrastructure for events (electrical/water connections)
  - Improved playground equipment
- Improve safety
  - Remove mounds to increase visibility
  - Video surveillance
  - Create buffer around playground with flower bed
  - Increased ranger patrols





# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## OPEN SPACES: Pogonip Open Space

### ISSUES

- Preservation vs. expanded recreational use
  - Desire for additional trails vs. preservation of habitat
  - Desire for active sports fields
- Clubhouse renovation



Pogonip Clubhouse





# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## OPEN SPACES: Pogonip Open Space

### ISSUES

- Preservation vs. expanded recreational use
  - Desire for additional trails vs. preservation of habitat
  - Desire for active sports fields
- Clubhouse renovation

### POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES & SOLUTIONS

- Continue implementation of Master Plan
- Additional trails
  - ADA accessible trail
  - Connection to UCSC
  - Expanded bike & multi-use trails
- Consider as location for sports facility complex
- Clubhouse
  - Consider short-term preservation funding until renovation
  - Source of revenue as event venue





# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## OPEN SPACES: Jessie Street Marsh

### ISSUES

- Implementation of the Jessie Street Marsh Management Plan
  - Cost and flooding vulnerability concerns
- Perception of safety and drug use







# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## OPEN SPACES: Jessie Street Marsh

### ISSUES

- Implementation of the Jessie Street Marsh Management Plan
  - Cost and flooding vulnerability concerns
- Perception of safety and drug use

### POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES & SOLUTIONS

- Revisit feasibility of existing Management Plan
- Modify the Management Plan
- Consider temporary recreation uses to activate the space until improvements are funded
  - i.e. Community gardens



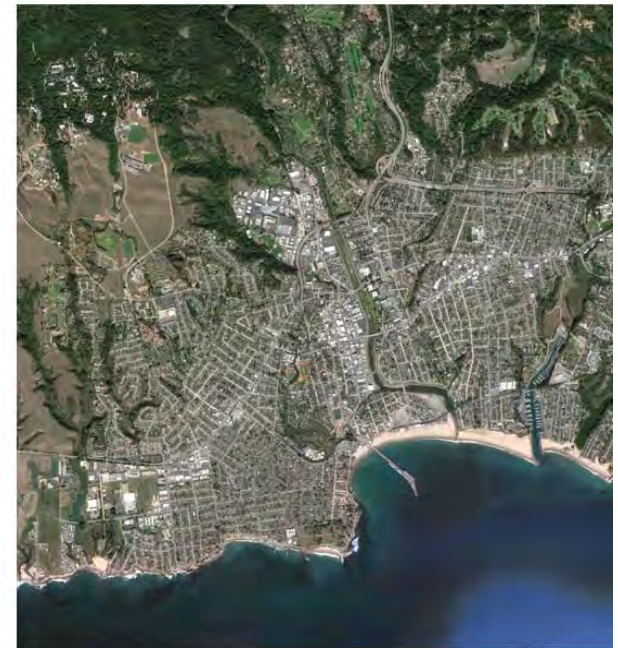


# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## NEW OPEN SPACES

### ISSUES

- Need for additional maintenance funds
- Need for increased ranger patrols



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Outreach & Community Needs Summary & Discussion



# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## NEW OPEN SPACES

### ISSUES

- Need for additional maintenance funds
- Need for increased ranger patrols

### POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES & SOLUTIONS

- Explore the purchase and potential use of Antonelli Pond, Lighthouse Field, and ITS Beach



Antonelli Pond



Lighthouse Field



ITS Beach



# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### ISSUES

- Deferred maintenance on existing facilities
- Civic Auditorium need for upgrades



Louden Nelson Community Center



Louden Nelson Community Center



Civic Auditorium





# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### ISSUES

- Deferred maintenance on existing facilities
- Civic Auditorium need for upgrades

### POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES & SOLUTIONS

- Wharf Master Plan
- Grant for community center - begin study & fundraising for improvements
- Renovate Civic Auditorium into multi-purpose performance space

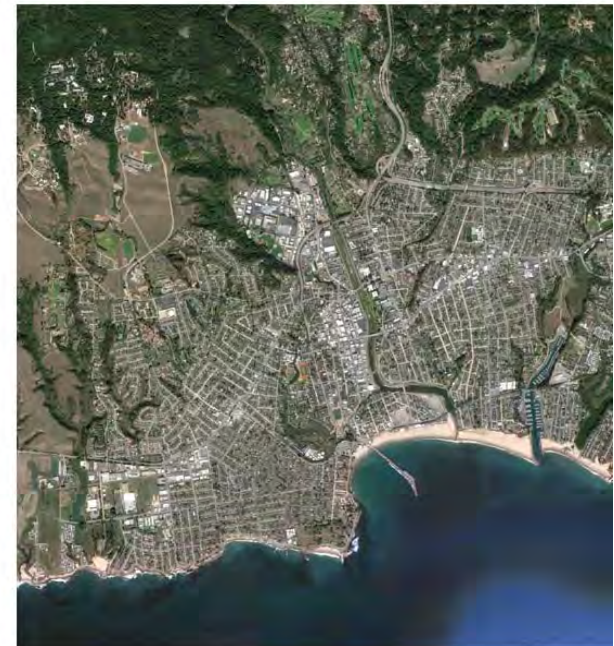




# Feedback Topics for Discussion NEW FACILITIES

## ISSUES

- Lack of community facilities
- Lack of sports fields
- Lack of and cost of property
- Flexibility to change with trends



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# Feedback Topics for Discussion

## NEW FACILITIES

### ISSUES

- Lack of community facilities
- Lack of sports fields
- Lack of and cost of property
- Flexibility to change with trends

### POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES & SOLUTIONS

- Sports fields
  - Additional joint use agreements with school district & UCSC
  - Purchase of land in West side industrial area
- Bike parks and pump tracks
- Pickleball facilities
  - Explore partnership with County for new facility
  - Develop locations independent of existing tennis courts
- Mountain bike trails
  - New trails with increased connectivity and rating system
  - Preserve open spaces without trail expansion





**APPENDIX 5.7: JOINT STUDY SESSION PRESENTATION**

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## APPENDIX 5.8: PRESENTATIONS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

At the conclusion of the Joint Study Session presentation, it was determined that a subcommittee of two City Councilmembers and two Parks & Recreation Commissioners should be formed to review the outreach results and provide more comprehensive direction on the final recommendations for the Master Plan. This subcommittee held two meetings on March 28, 2016 and April 4, 2016 where City staff presented some of the more controversial issues and proposed goals for more in-depth discussion by the subcommittee. The first meeting focused on the Vision for the Master Plan and recommendations related to community parks and open spaces. The second meeting focused more on beaches and facilities. Following are the two agendas and two presentations that were made at the meetings.



# APPENDIX 5.8: PRESENTATIONS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS



## Parks Master Plan Subcommittee

Meeting Agenda

5:30 p.m. – March 28, 2016

City Council Chambers

809 Center Street, Santa Cruz CA

- b. Arroyo Secco
- c. Jessie Street Marsh
- d. Moore Creek Open Space Preserve
- e. Neary Lagoon
- f. Pogonip Open Space
- g. San Lorenzo Urban River Corridor and Santa Cruz Riverwalk

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mauro Garcia, Interim Department Director of Parks and Recreation

### ROLL CALL

### STATEMENTS OF DISQUALIFICATION

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*The City of Santa Cruz has adopted a Conflict of Interest Code, and Section 8 of that Code states that no person shall make or participate in a governmental decision which he or she knows or has reason to know will have a reasonably foreseeable material financial effect distinguishable from its effect on the public generally.*

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - (No Action Shall Be Taken)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS – (No Action Shall Be Taken)

Park Planner – Updates

### PRESENTATIONS – (No Action Shall Be Taken)

None

### GENERAL BUSINESS –

#### **Review and help develop and identify draft policies, actions, and projects in preparation for additional public review**

- A. Overarching Vision of Parks System
- B. Community Parks
  - a. DeLaveaga Park
  - b. Depot Park, Funspot Bike Park, & Scott Kennedy Fields
  - c. Harvey West Park
  - d. KenWormhoudt Skate Park at Mike Fox Park
  - e. San Lorenzo Park
- C. Open Spaces
  - a. Arana Gulch

### INFORMATION ITEMS *(No action shall be taken)*

### SUBCOMMITTEE ORAL REPORTS

### ADJOURNMENT

The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2016 at the Tony Hill room, Civic.



## Parks Master Plan Subcommittee Meeting

March 28, 2016

### General Policy vs. Specific Project Identification

**General Policy**

Create more off-leash dog use opportunities throughout City

**Specific Project**

Create a 10,000 square foot, fenced off-leash dog use area at this park to be designed with these amenities

### Subcommittee Process

- Purpose
  - Help develop preliminary policies and actions
  - Provide direction on contentious issues or policy changes

### Vision Development

1. An unparalleled park system of recreational, cultural, and natural environments that connects the surrounding greenbelt lands to the Pacific Ocean and fosters experiences that enrich lives and build a healthy community for us today and for others tomorrow.
2. A world class park system that enhances the quality of life of a diverse population, attracts visitors from around the world, builds community, and connects the built and natural environments from the surrounding greenbelts to the Pacific Ocean, today and tomorrow.
3. From the surrounding greenbelts to the Pacific Ocean, the Plan envisions a world class park system that enhances the diversity and quality of its natural and built environments and provides the places and experiences that enrich lives and build a healthy community for future generations.
4. Building from the successes of yesterday, the plan envisions a world class park system from the surrounding greenbelts to the Pacific Ocean that enriches lives; enhances and preserves the diversity and quality of its parks, recreation facilities, and natural environments; and builds a healthy community for us today and for others tomorrow.



## Overarching Broader Policy Goals

- Sustainable and Attractive Designs
- Connectivity
- Diversity
- Accessibility
- Safety
- Preservation

## Community Parks

- Designed to serve the entire community
- Service radius of 1.5 miles
- 6 community parks (382 acres)
  - DeLaveaga Park
  - Depot Park, Funspot Bike Park, & Scott Kennedy Fields
  - Harvey West Park
  - Ken Wormhoudt Skate Park at Mike Fox Park
  - San Lorenzo Park
  - West Cliff (April 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting)



## DeLaveaga Park

- Feedback
  - Lack of trail connections
  - Multi-use conflicts
  - Disc Golf Course
  - Lack of maintenance
  - Impact on natural resources
  - Lack of awareness of Archery Range
  - Loss of historical sites

## Moving Forward

- Upper DeLaveaga Park
  - Continue to search for use opportunities in Upper DeLaveaga Park
  - Increase connectivity of trails
  - **Consider a separate downhill mountain biking facility or skill-building area**
  - **Consider use of the historic zoo area**
    - Pocket park with natural recreational features or a zoo recreational theme
    - Interpretive signage describing unique history
    - Link to trail system
- SC Shakespeare
  - Construct parking lot
  - Add picnic area
  - Add trail to facility
- Lower DeLaveaga Park
  - Renovate existing restroom facilities
  - Develop concession stand
  - Consider seasonally painting middle field for soccer play



## Background

- Master Plan (1960)
  - Overnight trailer park
  - Group campgrounds
  - Fishing lake
  - Natural science center
  - Clubhouse
  - Amphitheater
  - Train
- City Council
  - City Council extended concession agreement for proshop and restaurant for 5 years
  - Provided direction to staff to expand uses beyond golf in Upper DeLaveaga Park area
  - Approved SC Shakespeare for a two year trial period
  - Staff is currently working towards improving trail connectivity
- Outdated building facilities

## Moving Forward

- George Washington Park
  - Create spillover parking area.
  - Construct bridge to reconnect Lower DeLaveaga Park to George Washington Park with interpretive signage describing historic bridge.
- Golf Course
  - **Clubhouse rehabilitation**
  - Continue efforts to reuse, capture, and reduce water-use
- Sedimentation and Stormwater Erosion Projects
  - Continue to work with RCD and implement Arana Gulch Creek Stormwater Watershed Enhancement Plan
- Archery Range
  - Improve promotion of Archery Range
- Disc Golf
  - **Pay for play facility**
  - Improve care of facility
    - Erosion control
    - Invasive weed removal
    - Native restoration plantings





## Depot Park

- Feedback
  - Like the soccer field
  - Some concerns about artificial turf
  - Requests for improvements to the bike park
- Moving Forward
  - **Lighting to allow for later soccer play**
    - Survey adjacent residents on Chestnut Street
  - Catering truck opportunity near picnic tables.
  - Revamp Funspot Bike Park
  - Add additional playground features

## Harvey West Park

- Expand playground footprint
- **Consider additional trail linkages to Pogonip – Reserve discussion for Pogonip**
- Wagner Grove—Small Amphitheater for kids camp teachings and performances
- Upgrade Scouthouse
  - New patio
  - Kitchen
  - Lighting
- Upgrade clubhouse and cottages
  - Foundation and bathrooms
  - Increase community programming and services
- Activate park with special use facilities
  - Pump track, bocce ball, pickleball tournament facilities, etc
- **Harvey West Pool**
  - Survey: 51% believe pool should be open year round, 28% feel schedule is adequate
  - Short-term—Expand swim hours through October
  - Explore cost-sharing opportunities to modify pool and building to create more of a gym/pool/picnic area.

## Harvey West Park

- Feedback
  - Lack of pool access
  - Aging facilities
- Moving Forward
  - Upgrade Ballpark Facilities
    - New lighting
    - New and renovated restroom facilities
    - Artificial turf
    - Improve drainage
    - Pitching mounds
    - Scoreboards
    - Bleachers field 1 and 6
    - Moveable or collapsible soccer goals and onsite storage to improve practice and game play
    - Concession stands

## Ken Wormhoudt Skate Park at Mike Fox Park

- Improve pool coping and perform general repairs.
- **Consider expanding skate park**
- **Host skateboarding tournaments**
- **Permanent restroom facilities**
  - Feedback received for adding restrooms along San Lorenzo Riverwalk



## San Lorenzo Park

- Feedback
  - Lack of amenities and facilities
- Background
  - Coastal Watershed Council’s 2014 Community Input Report
    - Priorities
      1. Riverside food and drink
      2. Paddling access
      3. Amenities
      4. Educational resources
      5. Art, music, events
      6. Better habitat
      7. Expanded river recreation
      8. Improved pathways
      9. Improved safety
      10. Improved water quality

## Open Spaces, Trails, and Greenbelts

- No specific standards for total number of acreage per population or uses.
- Guided by Park Master Plan for a specific park.
- 8 open spaces (1,243 acres)

## Moving Forward

- **Consider renovation of park**
  - Upgrade playground
  - Upgrade pond
  - More colorful gardening displays
  - Art
  - Hidden infrastructure to accommodate events
  - Renovate restroom facilities
  - Additional recreational facilities
- **Consider beer garden/catering trucks**
- **Increase programming in park**
  - Hold more events, concerts, and movies in the park
  - Create a Winter lightshow or other festive event during the holiday season

## Arana Gulch

- Continue to implement the Habitat Management Plan and restore the SC tarplant population and coastal prairie, woodland, and riparian areas
- Explore small, educational amphitheater area to help facilitate programs
- Restroom



## Arroyo Seco

- Improve trail connection to lower neighborhood
- Possible location for parcourse
- Invasive plant removal

## Jessie Street Marsh

- Improve connections to Ocean View Park and from the Marsh to the Santa Cruz Riverwalk
- **Study the Jessie Street Marsh Management Plan to explore feasibility and potential modifications to the plan through a public process**
  - Community garden
  - Artwork
  - Path improvements
  - Native plantings







## Moore Creek Open Space Preserve

- Feedback
  - Keep as it is
  - Create access with Empire Grade and Wilder Ranch
  - Add mountain bike trails
  - Increase habitat restoration efforts

### MOORE CREEK PRESERVE INTERIM PLAN

**RESOURCE PROTECTION**  
PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF NATIVE SPECIES AND THEIR HABITAT

**GRAZING**  
CATTLE GRAZING TO REDUCE FIRE HAZARD AND ENHANCE COASTAL TERRACE PRAIRIE

**HIKING TRAILS**  
HIKING ONLY ON ALL TRAILS. DOGS, EQUESTRIAN AND BICYCLE USE NOT ALLOWED WITHIN THE PRESERVE

**CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**  
EASEMENTS HELD BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENSURE THAT THE PRESERVE WILL BE RETAINED IN A NATURAL CONDITION AND PREVENT USES THAT WOULD HARM OR INTERFERE WITH CONSERVATION VALUES.

**LEGEND**

- PEDESTRIAN TRAIL
- SERVICE ROAD
- PAVED ROADS
- CITY LIMIT
- MEADOW
- FOREST/WOODLAND



## Background

- Conservation Easement
  - Need approval from State before any potential improvement
  - Must preserve natural condition
  - Potential for trail and parking improvements
- Private property limits connectivity to Wilder Ranch to the West and Empire Grade to the north
- Limited access
  - Must cross or walk along Hwy 1 to access southern entrance
  - No parking along Meder Street until Western Drive from north eastern entrance

## Moving Forward

- Explore access opportunities to connect the open space to Empire Grade and Wilder Ranch.
- Improve park signage.
- Continue to implement Interim Plan and restore the property.
- **Explore creating a parking lot area off of Hwy 1 or Meder Street.**
- **Do not allow mountain bike use**





### Neary Lagoon

- Find a better balance of habitat preservation and maintenance grooming
- Consider additional amenities at the Chestnut Street entrance
- **Light tennis courts**



### Pogonip Open Space

- Feedback
  - Restore Pogonip Clubhouse
  - Implement remaining uses and improvements
  - Increase ecological restoration of property
  - Expand trail and mountain biking opportunities
  - Big ideas
    - Restore Pogonip Clubhouse and open mountain bike/hiking hub for food and drinks and classes
    - Add botanical garden near Upper Main Meadow
    - Sports field location in Upper Main Meadow

### Background

- Pogonip Clubhouse Renovation
  - Estimated at 5 million to restore
- Emma McCrary Trail
  - Controversial project
  - General feedback is mostly positive
- Limited mountain biking opportunities in the City
  - Desire more obstacles
  - More access
  - Opportunities for partnerships with mountain bike industry
  - Comments from Joint Study Session
- Conflicts between hiking and mountain biking uses on multi-use trails and overall preservation concerns
- Limited field space in the City
  - Looking into possible partnerships with the school district.
  - Comments from Joint Study Session





## Moving Forward

- **Restore Pogonip Clubhouse**
- **Consider modifications to the plan**
  - Add temporary or permanent parking lot near existing Emma McCrary/Golf Club Drive entrance
  - Consider expanding trails
    - Separate downhill mountain biking trail
    - Improve hiking connection from Spring Street to Harvey West Park.
    - Multi-use connections from Harvey West Park to Emma McCrary trail.

## San Lorenzo Urban River Corridor

- Continue to implement San Lorenzo Urban River Plan and create a more polished look for the Santa Cruz Riverwalk
  - Plazas
  - Interpretive signage
  - Paving
  - Colorful landscaping
- Increase habitat restoration efforts
- More programming



**Parks Master Plan Subcommittee**  
 Meeting Agenda  
 5:30 p.m. – April 4, 2016  
 Tony Hill Room, Civic  
 307 Church Street, Santa Cruz CA

- b. Civic Auditorium
- c. Louden Nelson Community Center
- F. Safety and security
- G. Next steps in the process

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mauro Garcia, Interim Department Director of Parks and Recreation

**ROLL CALL**

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**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** - *(No Action Shall Be Taken)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – *(No Action Shall Be Taken)*

Park Planner – Updates

**PRESENTATIONS** – *(No Action Shall Be Taken)*

None

**GENERAL BUSINESS** –

**Review and help develop and identify draft policies, actions, and projects in preparation for additional public review**

- A. Clarification of a few items from the previous meeting
- B. Vision statement
- C. West Cliff
- D. Beaches
  - a. Its Beach (the half owned by the City)
  - b. Main and Cowell Beaches
  - c. Mitchell’s Cove
- E. Facilities
  - a. Wharf

**INFORMATION ITEMS** *(No action shall be taken)*

**SUBCOMMITTEE ORAL REPORTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next Subcommittee meeting has not yet been scheduled.



## Parks Master Plan Subcommittee Meeting

April 4, 2016

### Clarification/Summary of Direction

- DeLaveaga Park
  - Consider a separate downhill mountain biking facility or skill building area
  - Consider locating a play area or other recreational use and interpretive signage in the historic zoo area
  - Works towards remodeling the golf clubhouse
  - Consider a pay for play facility for the disc golf course to improve maintenance and care of the facility
- Depot Park
  - Consider installing lighting to allow for later soccer play through a public outreach process with the neighborhood

- Harvey West Park
  - If artificial turf is pursued, use safest products available
  - In the short-term, expand pool hours to be open through October
  - Explore cost-sharing opportunities to modify pool and building to create more of a gym/pool/picnic area

### Ken Wormhoudt Skate Park at Mike Fox Park

- Consider expanding skate park
- Do not host skateboarding tournaments
- Build more training programs for young skaters
- Consider a permanent restroom



## San Lorenzo Park

- Renovate park
- Increase programming (yoga in the park)
- Do not consider beer garden

## Neary Lagoon

- Consider lighting tennis courts

## Moore Creek Open Space Preserve

- Explore creating a parking area off of Hwy 1
- Do not allow mountain bike uses

## Pogonip

- Restore Pogonip Clubhouse
- Explore adding a temporary or permanent parking lot near the existing Emma McCrary entrance on Golf Club Drive
- Consider expanding the trails



## Vision Development

The Plan envisions a **high quality** park system that **connects** the surrounding greenbelts to the Pacific Ocean, **preserves and protects** the diversity and quality of its natural and **man-made** environments **and heritage**, and provides the **recreational and cultural** places and experiences that enrich lives and build a healthy community for future generations.

## Background

- Local Coastal Program (1.7.6)
  - Implement an integrated design, land use, recreation, cliff stabilization, and landscaping plan for West and East Cliff Drives
    - Create a continuous pathway linking West and East Cliff Drives
    - Criteria for maintaining and improving riprap, trail maintenance, bird protection, and drainage discharges
    - Analyze recreational facility needs
    - Develop design criteria
    - Examine feasibility of periodic street closure or limiting access along W. Cliff Drive to pedestrians and bicycles only

## West Cliff/Coastal Rec Zone

- Feedback
  - Native plant restoration (ice plant removal)
  - Parking
    - Do not charge tourists
    - Charge tourists but not locals
  - Interpretive signage
  - Facilities
    - Restrooms
    - Parcourse
    - Picnic tables
    - Benches
    - Playground
    - Bike parking and lockers
  - Dedicate part of West Cliff Drive one-way



- City Council Strategic Goal 1 (2015)
  - Consider establishing a Coastal Recreation Zone for long-term planning and management
- City Council’s March 22<sup>nd</sup> pull-up bar determination
  - Denied planning application
  - Referred discussion to Parks Master Plan process
- Area is zone OF-R Ocean Front (Recreational)
  - Zoning may need to be updated as part of the planning process





### Its Beach (1/3 of beach is owned by City)

- Feedback
  - Create off-leash dog use area
  - Enforce off-leash dog use
  - Lifeguards
- Moving forward
  - **Do not create an off-leash dog use area**



### Moving Forward

- **Develop and implement a master plan for the coastal area**
- Defer parcourse discussion to that future planning process

### Mitchell's Cove

- Feedback
  - Enforce dog rules (off-leash dog use allowed before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.)
- Moving forward
  - Improve enforcement





## Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf

- Feedback
  - Bocci ball courts
  - Improve mix of businesses
  - Wedding/event venue
- Moving forward
  - Implement the Wharf Master Plan



## Louden Nelson Community Center

- Feedback
  - Renovate building
  - More events
  - Improve publicity about center and programs
- Moving forward
  - Restore back wall mural
  - **Increase storage space**
  - **Senior exercise equipment (Laurel Park)**
  - Remodel interior (Received \$420,000 grant)
    - Dressing rooms
    - Stage area
    - Lighting
    - Restore painted ceiling in auditorium
    - Restrooms
    - Update signage
    - Refinish wood flooring
    - Monitors in class room
    - ADA
    - Boilers



## Civic

- Feedback
  - 2015 Civic Auditorium Business Planning Study
- Moving forward
  - Fund the renovation of the Civic





## Safety and Security

- Illegal camping
  - Drug use and dealing
  - Perception of safety
  - Camp of Last Resort Proposal
- 
- Moving forward
    - **Park hosts**
    - **Increased presence of park rangers**
    - **Activate parks to discourage illegal activities**
    - **Fencing some neighborhood parks**
    - **Closing areas of concentrated illegal activity**
    - **Additional lighting and security cameras**

## Next steps in the process

- Where have we been
  - Phone survey
  - 2 community meetings
  - 1 department-wide meeting
  - Stakeholder interviews
  - Booths at six community events
  - Questionnaires
    - Link posted at parks and sent to Recreation Program's email distribution list
    - Distributed at facilities
    - Distributed by staff at parks
  - Joint Study Session
  - Subcommittee meetings
  
- Where do we go
  - Preliminary draft of the plan
  - Public review meeting
  - Incorporate comments and finalize Draft (including cost estimates)
  - Conduct CEQA analysis
  - Process plan and CEQA documents through Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council approval processes



## APPENDIX 5.8: PRESENTATIONS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

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## APPENDIX 5.9: POTENTIAL GRANT FUNDING SOURCES

The grant sources listed below are illustrative of the types of grants that organizations, foundations and major corporations offer for community facilities and recreation /cultural programs similar to those included in the Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Master Plan. While the funding windows for some of these programs may have passed, many of them are offered annually or at other intervals. The City may also consider opportunities where it can partner with local non-profit groups that would be eligible for grants that are not offered to municipal agencies such as the City.

### A. HIKING TRAIL PROJECTS

**American Hiking Society: National Trails Fund:** The National Trails Fund, sponsored by the American Hiking Society (AHS), provides support to grassroots nonprofit organizations throughout the country working toward establishing, protecting, and maintaining foot trails in America. The Fund's grants, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, help give local groups the resources they need to secure access, volunteers, tools, and materials to protect America's public trails. Grants will be considered for the following: projects that have hikers as the primary constituency; projects that secure trail lands, including acquisition of trails and trail corridors and the costs associated with acquiring conservation easements; projects that will result in substantial ease of access, improved hiker safety, or avoidance of environmental damage; and projects that promote constituency building surrounding specific trail projects, including volunteer recruitment and support. Applying organizations must be AHS Alliance Members. Visit the American Hiking Society website for application guidelines as well as information on becoming an AHS Member.

### B. COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECTS

**Scotts Miracle –Gro: GRO1000 Grassroots Grants:** The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company's GRO1000 Grassroots Grants help foster the development

of gardens and green spaces in the United States. Grants of up to \$1,500 are awarded to local communities throughout the country to help bring edible gardens, flower gardens, and public green spaces to more neighborhoods. The focus is on garden and green space beautification projects that incorporate the involvement and engagement of neighborhood residents and foster a sense of community spirit. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies. Visit the company's website to review the program's FAQs and submit an online application.

### C. ENVIRONMENTAL COLLABORATION-

**Environmental Protection Agency:** The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program supports community-based organizations to collaborate and partner with other stakeholders as they develop and implement solutions that address environmental and public health issues at the local level.

### D. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

**Lowe's Charitable And Educational Foundation: Community Partners:** The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers throughout the United States. The Foundation's Community Partners grant program supports nonprofit organizations and local municipalities undertaking high-need projects such as building renovations and upgrades, grounds improvements, technology upgrades, and safety improvements. Most grants range from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Visit the company's website to take the eligibility quiz and submit an online application.

### E. GRASSROOTS ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNS

**The Fund for Wild Nature:** The fund For Wild Nature provides grants to grassroots nonprofit organizations in the United States and Canada for campaigns to save native species and wild ecosystems, with particular emphasis on actions to defend threatened wilderness and biological



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diversity. Priority is given to ecological issues that are not receiving adequate public attention or funding. Grants, ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000, are provided for advocacy, litigation, public policy work, development of citizen science, and similar endeavors. The Fund does not support proposals from organizations with budgets of over \$250,000 annually. The application deadlines are May 1 and October 1 of each year. Application guidelines and forms are available on the Fund’s website.

## F. YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

**The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF):** The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, is dedicated to promoting the growth of youth baseball and softball in the United States and throughout the world by funding programs that encourage youth participation in the game. Grants may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. Grants average around \$40,000. Grant applications are due January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1, annually. Visit the BTF website to learn more about the grant criteria and application process.

## G. MARITIME HERITAGE PRESERVATION

**National Park Service:** The National Maritime Heritage Grant Program supports education and preservation projects designed to preserve historic maritime resources and to increase public awareness and appreciation for the maritime heritage of the United States.

## H. WEED CONTROL COLLABORATION-

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Pulling Together Initiative :**The Pulling Together Initiative, a program of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), is intended to help local communities effectively manage invasive weeds. The program provides grants to support the creation of local cooperative weed management area partnerships.

These partnerships bring together local landowners, citizens groups, and weed experts to develop and implement strategies for managing weed infestations on public lands, natural areas, and private working lands. Grant awards will range from \$25,000 to \$200,000. All grant awards require a minimum 1:1 match of cash or contributed goods and services from non-federal sources. Nonprofit organizations, government agencies, Indian tribes, and educational institutions are eligible to apply. Visit the NFWF website to review the Request for Proposals.

## I. WETLAND PROTECTION

**Fish and Wildlife Service:** The NAWCA (North American Wetlands Conservation Act) U.S. Small Grants program supports public-private partnerships that involve long-term protection, restoration, enhancement, or establishment of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds.

## J. INTEGRATION OF THE ARTS IN COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

**Kresge Foundation Arts and Culture Program/Local Systems:** The Kresge Foundation’s Arts and Culture Program seeks to build strong, healthy cities nationwide by promoting the integration of arts and culture in community revitalization. The Local Systems focus area funds projects that test the integration of arts and culture within municipal systems and other non-arts disciplines. Support is provided for cross-sector/cross-disciplinary projects that embed arts and culture into local systems such as municipal departments, community financial networks, comprehensive planning efforts, human services networks, regional food hubs, etc. Applicants may be anchor institutions in any sector that have a stake in and are located in a low-income, disinvested community. Applicants may also be nonprofit community partners, nonprofit artist collaboratives, and government entities. Online applications may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the Foundation’s website to learn more about the Local Systems focus area.



## K. URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE

**Surdna Foundation: Sustainable Environments Program:** The Surdna Foundation is dedicated to fostering just and sustainable communities throughout the United States. The Foundation's Sustainable Environments Program works to overhaul our country's outdated and crumbling infrastructure with an approach that will foster healthy, sustainable, and just communities. By focusing on urban areas and their surrounding suburbs, the Foundation seeks solutions that connect and improve these infrastructure systems in ways that maximize positive impacts and minimize negative environmental, economic, and social consequences. The four main categories of work in this program area include the following: Sustainable Transportation Networks and Equitable Development Patterns, Energy Efficiency in the Built Environment, Urban Water Management, and Regional Food Supply. Nonprofit organizations may submit online letters of inquiry at any time. Visit the Foundation's website to review the funding guidelines for the Sustainable Environments Program.

## L. PUBLIC GREENSPACE ENHANCEMENT

**GRO1000 Gardens and Green Spaces Grant Awards Program:** The GRO1000 Gardens and Green Spaces Grant Awards Program, an initiative of The United States Conference of Mayors and the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, promotes mayoral leadership in the development of green spaces across the nation. Every municipality in the United States may nominate one new or one substantial addition to an existing public garden, edible garden, or green space within their community. All garden and green space projects initiated by city governments are eligible, including projects developed with community garden groups and other community partners. The four focal areas of the GRO1000 program include: Outdoor Play - creating natural playgrounds for youth, Urban Revitalization - transforming vacant and abandoned properties, Nature Gardens - increasing pollinator-friendly gardens and landscapes, and Food Deserts - providing access to fresh healthy foods. Four winning cities will each receive a total of \$40,000 in monetary funds and

products. Visit the GRO1000 website to learn more about the program and to submit an online application.

## M. PROGRAMS ADVANCING ORGANIC FARMING

**UNFI Foundation:** The UNFI Foundation funds nonprofit organizations across the United States that support the development of healthy, organic foods and food practices, and promote the health of our planet. The focus is on organizations that work to increase organic agriculture, provide research and science to develop organic farming practices, protect the biodiversity of our seed supply and the stewardship of genetic resources of organic seed, teach organic farming practices that promote conservation of resources, and foster the next generation of organic farmers. The first two letter of intent deadlines in 2017 are January 19 and April 27. Visit the Foundation's website to review the FAQs and learn more about the application process.



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