

Leon County Charter Review Committee



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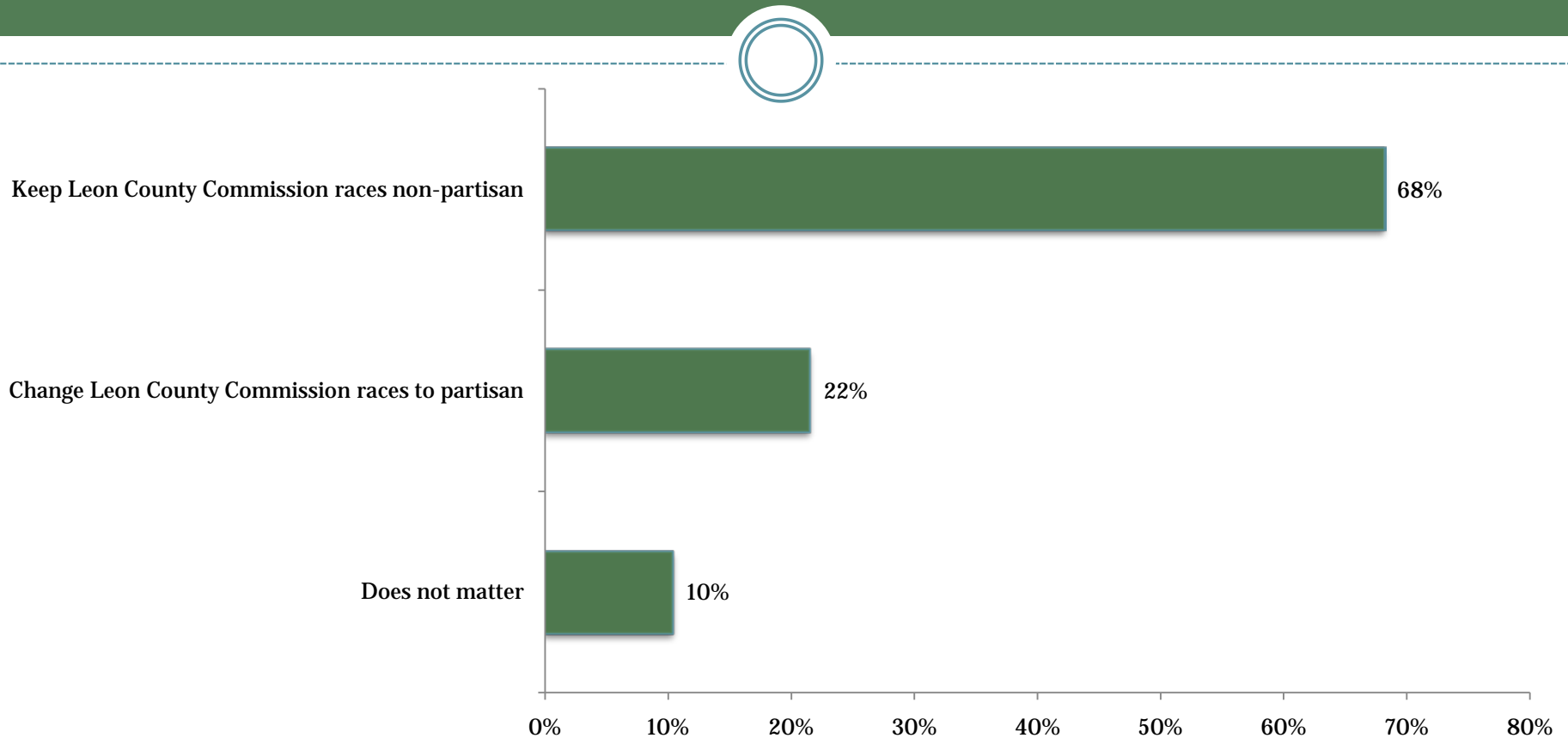
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The present survey on local issues was conducted in January 2010. 507 of the 6,000 panel members responded. Results were weighted to reflect the demographics of the 90%+ local residents who have access to the internet at home, work, or school.

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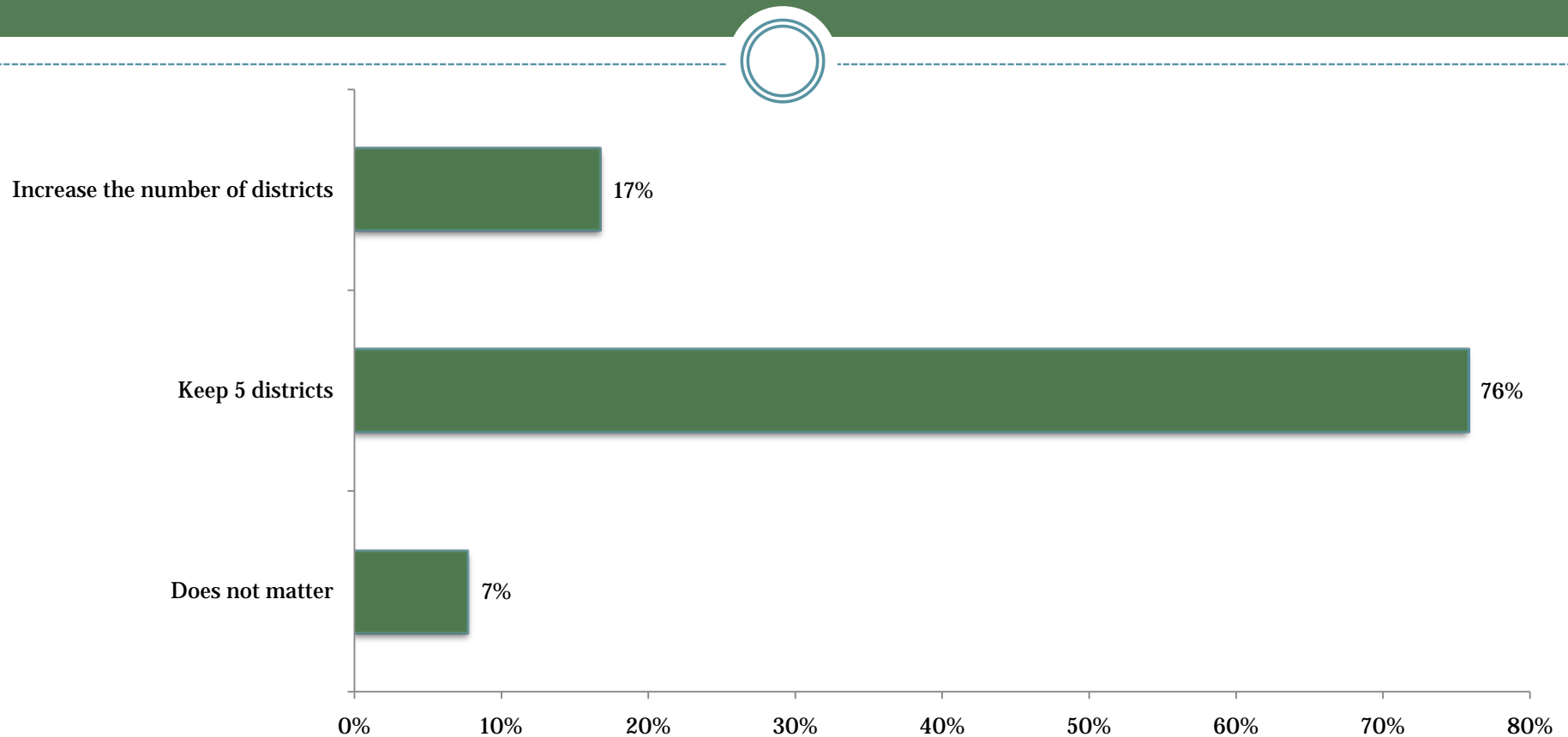
In 2002, Leon County Commission races were changed from partisan (e.g., Democrat, Republican, etc.) to non-partisan elections. Should the Leon County Charter Review Committee keep the commission races non-partisan or return them to partisan races?



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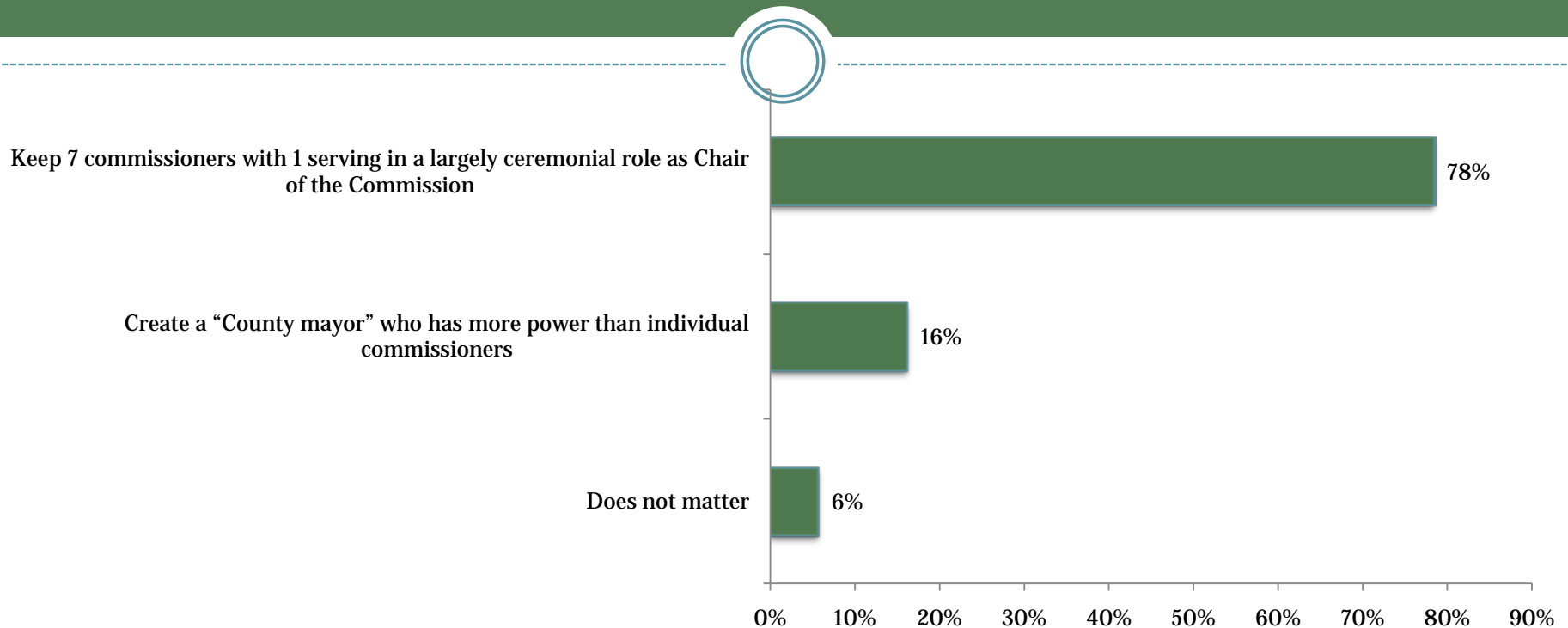
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Leon County has 7 commissioners, 1 for each of 5 districts and 2 at-large commissioners.
Should the Leon County Charter Review Committee increase the number of districts or keep the number at 5?



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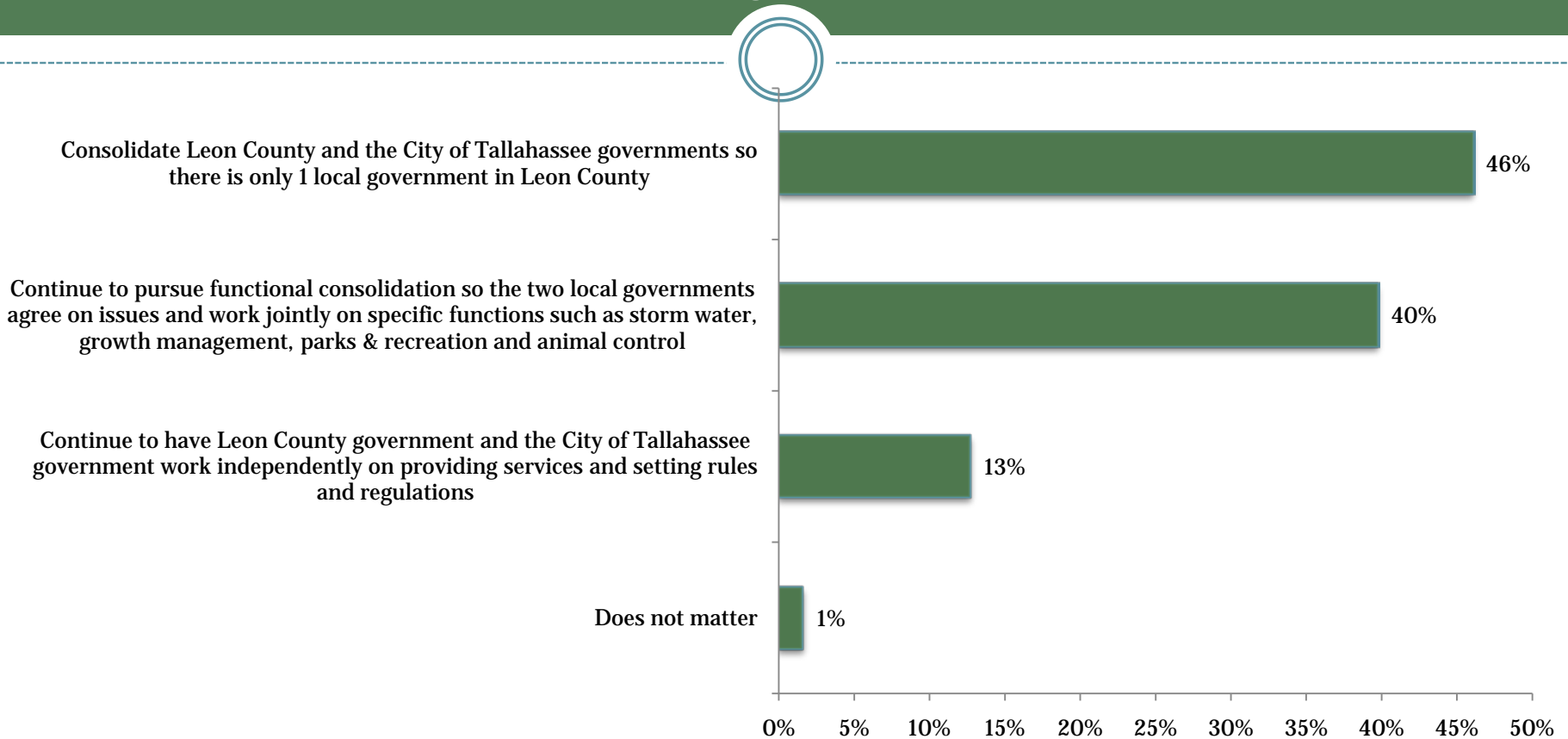


*Original question read: Leon County has 7 commissioners with one functioning in a more-or-less ceremonial role of Chair of the Commission. City of Tallahassee has a mayor plus a commission. The mayor has more powers than individual commissioners. Should the Leon County Charter Review Committee keep the current form of county government with one of the seven commissioners serving in a largely ceremonial role as Commission Chair or should the Leon County Charter Review Committee create a “County mayor” who would have more power than individual commissioners?

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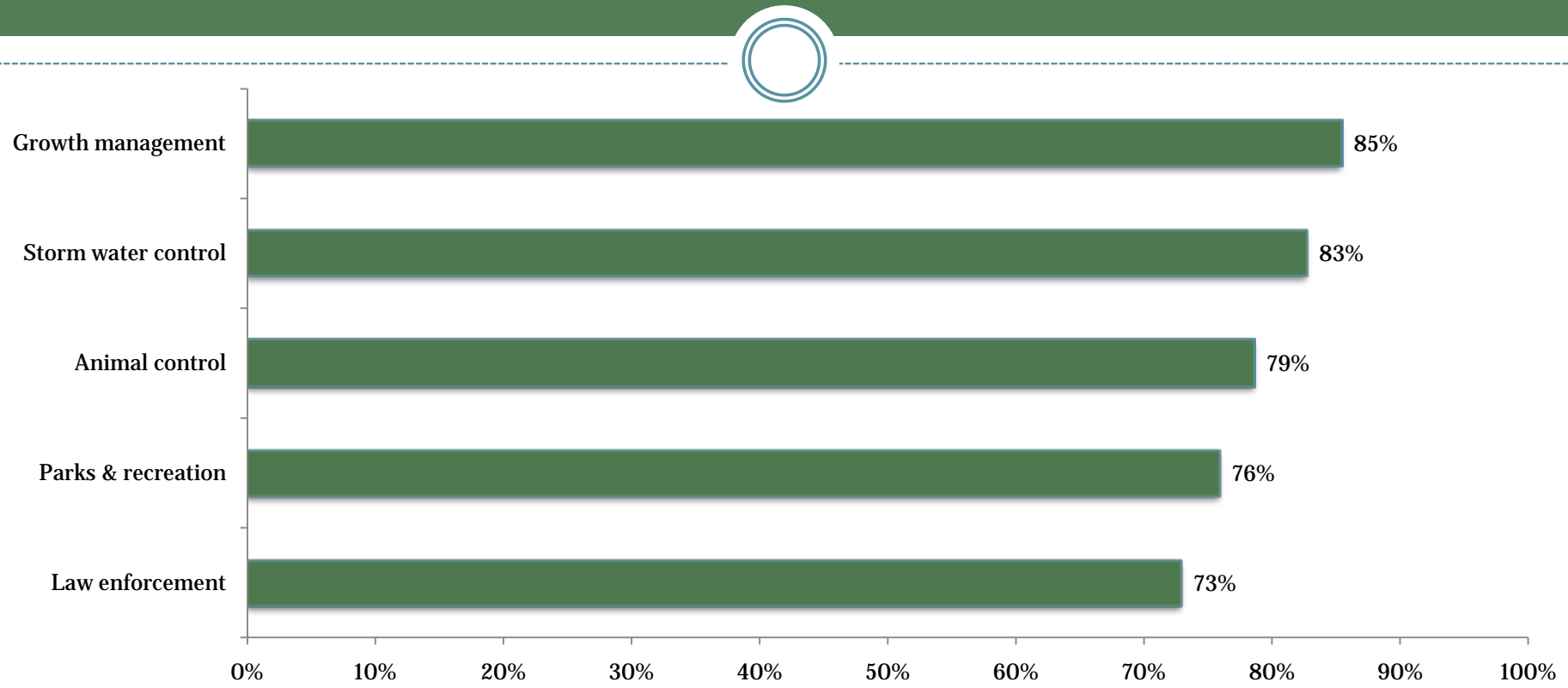
Leon County and the City of Tallahassee have two separate governments. Some have argued that the two governments should be combined into one (consolidation), while others have argued that there should be functional consolidation while maintaining 2 separate governments. In functional consolidation, specific functions such as planning, fire department, and GIS are performed by a joint effort of the two governments.



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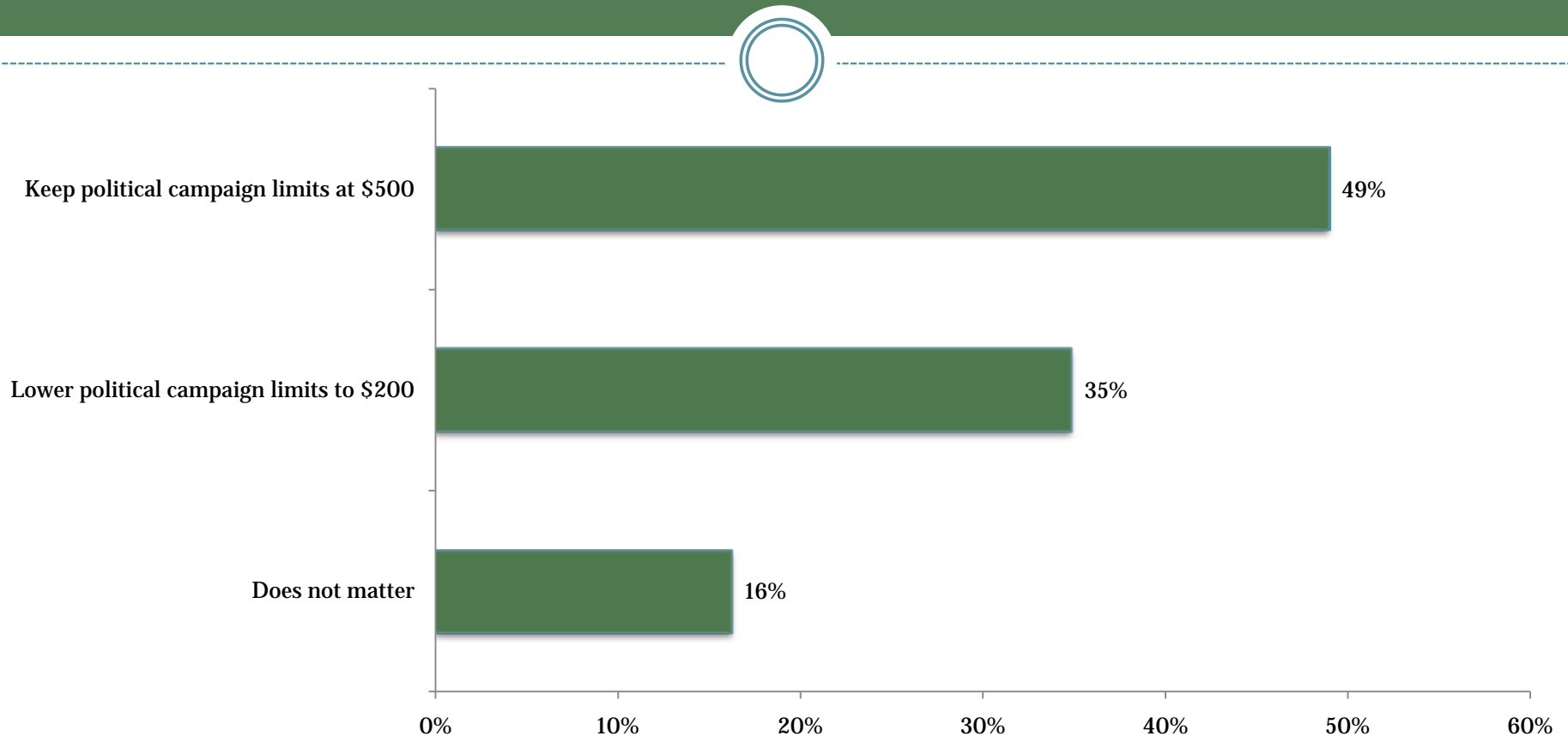
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If the two local governments pursue functional consolidation, which of the following areas should be functionally consolidated (this means that there will be one set of standards, one set of rules, etc. for the entire county rather than two sets):*



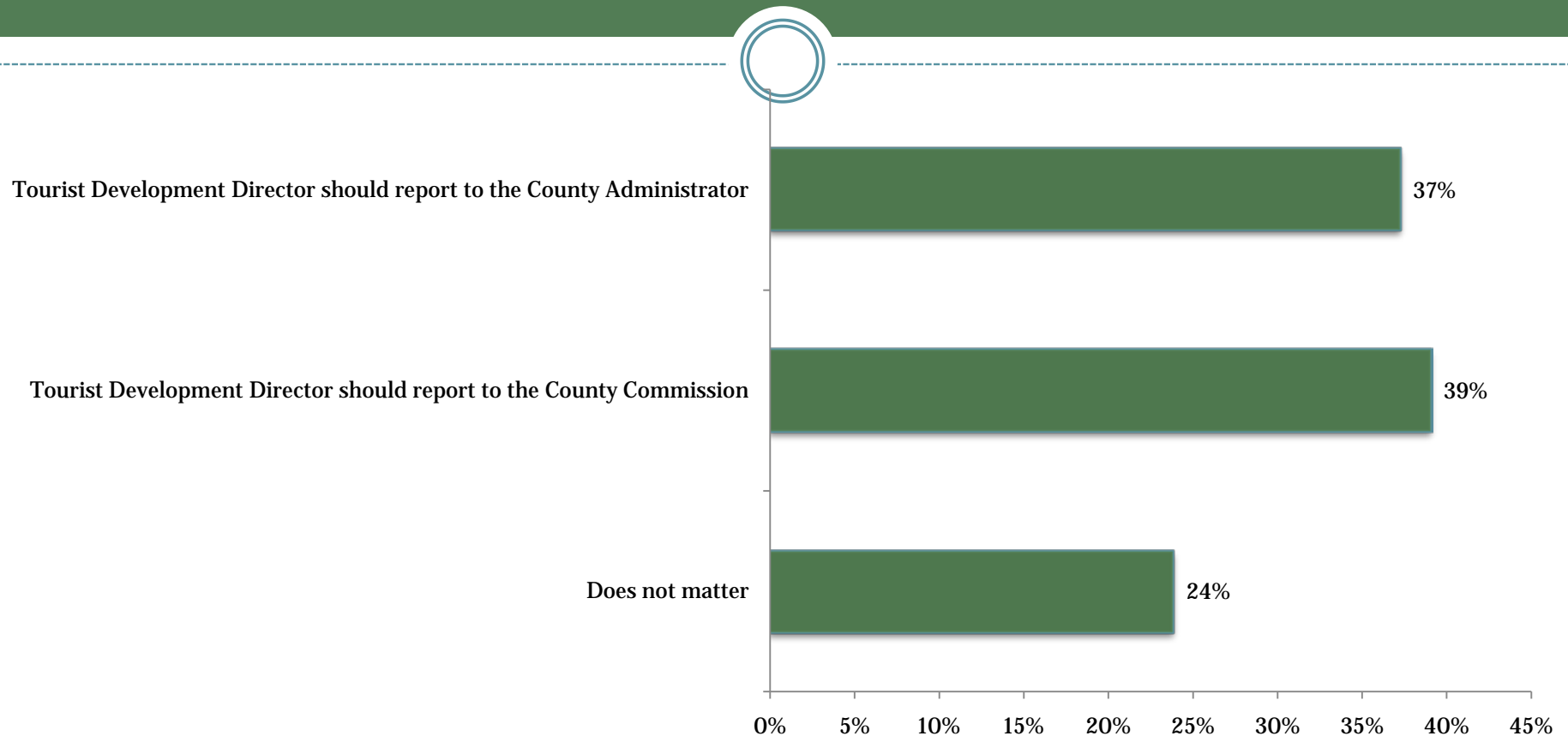
*More than one selection was allowed for this question

Local limits on political campaign contributions are \$500 as set by state law. Counties are free to set lower limits. Should the Leon County Charter Review Committee leave political campaign limits at \$500 or set lower limits, say in the \$200 range?



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Should the Tourist Development Council Director report to the County Administrator (who is appointed by commissioners) or to Leon County Commissioners?



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