

What do you think can be done to encourage new businesses in downtown?

	Response Count
	67
answered question	67
skipped question	44



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1	bring in more visitors	Mar 19, 2012 2:12 PM
2	library	Mar 19, 2012 2:10 PM
3	increase local shopping, especially in winter	Mar 19, 2012 2:04 PM
4	efforts by the town to increase business from outside of Crestone/Baca area	Mar 19, 2012 2:02 PM
5	lower rents	Mar 19, 2012 1:52 PM
6	incentives to use existing structures	Mar 19, 2012 1:51 PM
7	continue to buy local	Mar 19, 2012 1:48 PM
8	no commercial developments	Mar 19, 2012 1:46 PM
9	be happy	Mar 19, 2012 1:41 PM
10	we don't need new businesses	Mar 19, 2012 1:36 PM
11	clean the area, clear out old cars and buildings, plant flowers	Mar 19, 2012 1:35 PM
12	buy local education	Mar 19, 2012 1:32 PM
13	encourage tourism= increased capital= increased interest	Mar 19, 2012 1:26 PM
14	Faster internet is a good start. Make Crestone known as the "green" town	Mar 19, 2012 1:23 PM
15	subsidies music fest in town	Mar 19, 2012 1:20 PM
16	build buildings that allow small business to start up. Incentives go along way to making business work. Small buildings, low rent. Also a little help on organizing the business.	Mar 19, 2012 1:16 PM
17	home rule town political structure	Mar 19, 2012 1:09 PM
18	Provide what's locally feasible.	Mar 19, 2012 1:05 PM
19	fresh innovative ideas	Mar 19, 2012 1:03 PM
20	micro-funding to local entrepreneurs	Mar 19, 2012 1:00 PM
21	more signage on hwy17 advertise more @hotsprings and north to salida	Mar 19, 2012 12:53 PM
22	Give away free houses in the Baca	Mar 19, 2012 12:32 PM
23	Support startups of green light industry, green job creation, an SLV or DRG Tourism and Ad Council, establish reasonable green architectural covenants.	Mar 19, 2012 12:28 PM
24	better marketing more pedestrian friendly more spaces to rent	Mar 19, 2012 12:11 PM
25	need a few new businesses like a garage, car repair	Mar 19, 2012 12:06 PM
26	water	Mar 19, 2012 12:01 PM

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27	guarantee profit, can't support more businesses	Mar 19, 2012 11:59 AM
28	Reduce drug/alcohol use!!!!!! Attract healthy businesses.	Mar 19, 2012 11:56 AM
29	More "local shops" signs improve customer service etiquette from workforce to the customers hold "consumer drawings" once per month with prizes given to shopper whose name is drawn	Mar 19, 2012 11:56 AM
30	Without a larger population base it seems unfair to encourage more businesses to open.	Mar 19, 2012 11:52 AM
31	create a business association, create business brochures to mail or pass out	Mar 19, 2012 11:44 AM
32	nothing, what needs to manifest will manifest, do what you may to prevent it	Mar 19, 2012 11:42 AM
33	provide spaces for rent for small fee to crafts people, etc. maybe 8x8 or 8x10 - indoors and outdoors	Mar 19, 2012 11:40 AM
34	Rental space	Mar 19, 2012 11:34 AM
35	pray, start with surveys for public rental spaces, amounts, etc.	Mar 19, 2012 11:28 AM
36	Get Crestone Telecom up and running. Encourage websites for shops and retreat centers.	Mar 19, 2012 11:23 AM
37	promotions, cheaper prices	Mar 19, 2012 11:16 AM
38	support for the ones we already have	Mar 19, 2012 11:09 AM
39	more newspaper coverage	Mar 19, 2012 11:07 AM
40	Enforce laws, particularly for dogs. Clean-up the drug culture energy that pervades everything in the Town of Crestone.	Mar 19, 2012 11:04 AM
41	go slow with development	Mar 19, 2012 11:02 AM
42	new residential rental apts- low rent	Mar 19, 2012 10:49 AM
43	Continue to patronize those that already exist.	Mar 19, 2012 10:35 AM
44	Dis-encourage drug/alcohol culture that attracts more of the same plus squatters polluting the town.	Mar 16, 2012 12:42 PM
45	More businesses to take care of locals needs and a wider range of products available to consumers.	Mar 16, 2012 9:50 AM
46	1- provide financial incentives; many businesses have come and gone in the 11 years I have been here 2- minimize the red tape for entrepreneurs starting a business	Mar 12, 2012 6:57 PM
47	We need to acknowledt our current paradigm centers around marijuana , transcience, "hanging out". Many seem uninterested in working. Our culture needs infusion of youth who value work and excellence. The charter school could help with this. Now the school fosters mediocrity and social agenda.	Mar 12, 2012 7:28 AM

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48	Change the zoning so that business is on both sides of the streets on the road going in, and all along Alder and Galena.	Mar 9, 2012 10:04 PM
49	Don't really want to, cause the only REAL answer is significant population growth	Mar 9, 2012 9:53 PM
50	some influx of residents, a sense of wealth that would at least attempt to be patrons of the business along with the need...	Mar 9, 2012 8:27 PM
51	financial incentives	Mar 9, 2012 7:56 PM
52	affordable and nice commercial space	Mar 9, 2012 10:53 AM
53	keep it as is. and a hardware store.	Mar 9, 2012 9:41 AM
54	Large indoor/outdoor communal gathering space that provides for multiple integrated activities that is for the benefit of all- not a business.	Mar 9, 2012 2:01 AM
55	1. Beautification. 2. Established annual special evenets. Followed by increase in visitors. But control of growth of both traffic and parking problems. In general, limit downtown access by cars	Mar 8, 2012 4:18 PM
56	Find a way to lower the taxes. Buildings with homes on 2nd floor, shops on main level.	Mar 8, 2012 3:40 PM
57	Create some sort of "main street" that looks nice and where people would want to come spend money.	Mar 8, 2012 2:09 PM
58	Bring in more people with some marketing. Get a police officer for the City of Crestone & urgent care/helicopter landing pad.	Mar 8, 2012 1:06 PM
59	It would be nice for the town to somehow make it easy on new businesses. Welcome them and encourage their success. A chamber of commerce and/or collaborative efforts between the town and business owners to collectively uplift the energy in town and work on the improvement and maintenance of the downtown area could make business owners feel a part of something bigger and help them be proactive about generating enough business ot stay afloat.	Mar 8, 2012 12:05 PM
60	nothing. Leave it alone. Scott Swordy Capitalism. Delta bluesmen playing guitar alone desolate on street corners? no. We should emulate Mississippi. Unmowed grass. Lots of bees everywhere. Tupelo honey. Women in sundresses. Steve Smilak giving free advice for 5 cents like Lucy, installed in a rickety booth across from Curt's. Kelly Hosner's laugh played at woodthrush decibel on a loud speaker from some remote tree every five or six minutes. Automatic confetti released from strategic, loaded bushes in response to random acts of kindness. Pictures of Obama.	Mar 8, 2012 10:19 AM
61	I think creating new storefront businesses is a huge mistake. We need to encourage cottage industries. Home businesses mean less driving and encourage multiple income streams. Multiple income streams are what people need to survive and thrive economically. One-source income is not practical nor feasible in our current and future economy.	Mar 8, 2012 8:49 AM
62	Surveys would help to let prospective business owners if there is a market for their dream. If they knew that the community would support them then maybe	Mar 8, 2012 8:29 AM

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they would move forward.

63	more jobs so people actually have money to spend	Mar 8, 2012 8:18 AM
64	Economic incentives, support from an economic development council that offers different services such as marketing to all business owners, good networking and communication that includes all business owners, help new potential business owners to feel welcome and supported...welcome packages with discount coupons for local businesses for new residents.	Mar 8, 2012 8:06 AM
65	We have to find ways to bring more money to the community - perhaps cottage industries. Our business owners are pretty smart, and they're not going to invest unless they know people will buy their goods. We need to find ways to bring more jobs and outside money to the community before new businesses are going to invest.	Mar 5, 2012 1:45 PM
66	Make a campaign to encourage everyone to shop locally - providing details of the businesses, contact information, hours of operation, a description of services or supplies.	Mar 5, 2012 10:27 AM
67	Smart money. People interested in making the economy flourish here and not just for themselves or because they are living off the crazy check and don't want to make a profit.	Mar 2, 2012 10:49 AM