



## Pumping Up Portales

2008 Youth Town Hall

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Summary	Recommendation
<p>1. <b>Healthy entertainment choices</b></p>	<p>So that Roosevelt County can offer healthy entertainment choice for families, students, and the general population; create a more sustainable local economy; and gain substantial revenue, the Roosevelt County Community Development Corporation (RCCDC) should take the lead and collaborate with ENMU, City of Portales, and Portales Roosevelt County Chamber to recruit businesses through the provision of incentives, both monetary and non-monetary, for the acquisition of new entertainment venues including a drive-in movie theatre, sports complex, and/or other venues that offer services before and after 5pm including relocating the Greyhound Stadium into the Portales community and replacing DeBaca Hall at ENMU with a new facility that includes a coffee shop, bookstore, etc. and is open to all ENMU students and community members.</p>
<p>2. <b>Safe and friendly roadways</b></p>	<p>So that Portales roadways are safer and bicycle/pedestrian/vehicle friendly, Portales City Counselors, Roosevelt County officials, and the New Mexico Department of Transportation District 2 should identify, prioritize, and fund the following infrastructure projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repave roads and fix potholes</li> <li>• Plan, design, and implement a drainage system</li> <li>• Create connectivity with bicycle paths and sidewalks</li> </ul>
<p>3. <b>Local career opportunities</b></p>	<p>So that the Portales community can thrive and grow, the Portales/Roosevelt County Chamber Board, RCCDC, and the ENMU Board of Regents should work together to retain ENMU students through creating additional career opportunities that coincide with existing ENMU programs and disciplines and increase awareness of current career opportunities in Roosevelt County.</p>
<p>4. <b>City clean-up events</b></p>	<p>So that Portales citizens and ENMU students unify to cleanup the community, ENMU ASAB and the City of Portales Clean and Beautiful Committee should collaborate to recruit citizens, ENMU students, and faculty organizations for cleanup events throughout the year including trash pickup and participation in the adopt-an-area program.</p>

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5. <b>Community awareness and involvement</b>	So that ENMU students have community awareness and involvement, ENMU with the assistance of local businesses and nonprofit entities should enhance the existing freshman seminar curriculum to give students the opportunity to learn and experience what Portales has to offer.
6. <b>Healthy living and athletic pride</b>	So that the students of ENMU, Portales Municipal School District, and Portales citizens can promote healthy living and pride in their athletics, the ENMU Board of Regents and the Portales community should collaborate to plan, design, and construct a new stadium/sports complex near Greyhound Arena that includes indoor/outdoor fields/tracks, courts, and training centers by lobbying the State of New Mexico and the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) in addition to seeking grants and sponsorships from large national corporations (i.e., Nike, Adidas, Under Armour, Puma) and passing a general obligation bond.
7. <b>Better quality healthcare services</b>	So that Roosevelt County can achieve better quality of healthcare services, the Roosevelt County Commission, Roosevelt County area City Councils, New Mexico's Healthcare leaders, and the Roosevelt General Hospital Board should create incentives to add specialty medical services and recruit additional qualified staff in order to enhance Roosevelt General Hospital.