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PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

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Laura Streib, Candidate for Portland City Council District 2, gives testimony in support to fully fund the Portland Street Response

Portland, Oregon- Last night the [Portland City Council](#) had their **FY 2024-25 Budget Community Listening Session #3**. Laura Streib gave testimony in support to fully fund the Portland Street Response in partnership with Friends of Portland Street Response (PSR). As the current City Council looks to trim \$30 million from the current budget for the next fiscal year, Laura believes the only option is to invest in a program and expand services to 24/7. She believes this is what is best for our most vulnerable residents. While she acknowledges there needs to be consideration for the revenue shortfall, she does not think this is where the cuts should be made. While Laura is the Music, Arts & Culture candidate for District 2, she emphasized the importance of investing in the arts in our city and the impact the arts have on our economy. We know it is a multi-billion dollar industry and the recent [American for the Arts Economic Prosperity](#) 6 survey demonstrates how crucial the arts are for small businesses, local municipal taxes, tourism, and saving lives through their transformative power to engage audiences.

Using revenue from the creative economy is part of the fabric of our city and one of the many ecosystems. It just makes basic common sense to invest in arts and culture as a vehicle to help stabilize and support some of our most successful and vital city services. We need creative solutions to provide mental and social emotional services to our neighbors in crisis and what we do not need is a response that results in force, or worse death. Our police are not the first responders, the Portland Street Response team are and we need to demand the Mayor and current, outgoing council that supporting Portlanders is the legacy they should want to have on their record. Compassion, empathy, and community investment.- Laura Streib

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