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PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

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Laura Streib, District 2 candidate for City Council Announces Support for Community Budgeting for All

Portland, Oregon- Laura Streib, who lives in District 2 of the St.Johns/Cathedral Park neighborhoods, is running for a seat on the new Portland city council. Streib is thrilled to endorse and support Community Budgeting for All's ballot initiative.

Streib sees her role if elected to represent District 2, that the Participatory Budgeting Process (PB) is vital to democracy and encourages residents to actively participate by being part of their communities. Each step of the process is an opportunity to be involved, from submitting an idea, to being part of the committee that researches the ideas, to voting. Eventually the winning projects are completed within a year and are funded out of the Portland general funds. The ballot initiative is seeking to garner 45k plus signatures by July 2024 to ensure that at least 2% of the city of Portland's discretionary budget is set aside for the PB process. While PB was well supported by the Portland Charter Review Commission it fell short of the votes it needed to ensure its rightful place in the new city charter. After many promises of support by the current city council leaders over the years never following through, Streib feels this was a misstep and wants to ensure that PB is included as a framework for residents to participate once the new council members are sworn in.

" I understand the reluctance to embrace a new form of democracy that is rooted in representation and equity and that is why I feel this is the perfect time to embrace PB in Portland, especially since we will, finally after over 100 years, have district representation. Youth are an important part of bringing PB to Portland. They are already working hard to ensure the next generation is more involved, their voices are heard, and community comes together for change and progress"

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