



**THE STREET TRUST ACTION FUND**

## **Statement on Rescinding Our Endorsement of Carmen Rubio for Portland Mayor**

As The Street Trust Action Fund expressed earlier this week, we were disappointed to learn of Carmen Rubio's traffic infractions and upset that she failed to disclose those past infractions to us during the endorsement process. However, we were willing to forgive past mistakes in service of a candidate seeking to make change in how the city approaches traffic safety and investments in a complete, multimodal system that serves all street users.

As Oregon's only complete streets and transportation safety Action Fund, we cannot say that we will endorse candidates to hold them accountable and then not do so; for this reason, in light of allegations that last week Rubio damaged a parked car and walked away, we are withholding further support of her campaign until we see real change. We still believe her positions are the best in the race, but her driving has become a distraction - one which flies in the face of our values.

We hope that Carmen Rubio - and everyone running for Portland mayor this November - remains committed to prioritizing full funding for street safety and implementing critical active transportation and safety measures. Moving forward this election cycle, The Street Trust Action Fund's focus will be on our statewide, regional, and city council champions for our mission.

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