

## **Julia DeGraw**

### **Biography**

Julia is the Coalition Director for the Oregon League of Conservation Voters and has spent her entire career in the environmental nonprofit sector. She was born and raised in the Portland Metro region and has lived here her entire life except for four years of college in Ashland, Wisconsin where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies and Sociology from Northland College. In addition to her work on environmental issues, Julia is passionate about equitable access to fast, reliable, affordable, and secure internet—as it has become an essential utility much like electricity. Her experience interacting with thousands of residents, and community organizations, from her campaigns for public office, alongside her professional experiences make her uniquely suited to serve the diverse interests of people of Portland on the MHCRC. In her spare time, Julia loves snuggling her housemate's cat, reading science fiction, eating good food with friends and family, and being outside in the gorgeous Pacific Northwest.

### **Statement of Interest in Serving on the MHCRC**

“I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve Portland's communities by joining the MHCRC. My passion for equitable access to fast, affordable, reliable, and secure internet, and my deep roots in Portland's communities make me uniquely suited to serve the MHCRC at this exciting and dynamic time.”