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## Goal

My strongest wish is to be useful to the community, by using my creativity to solve problems.

## Public Art, Boston, MA

### **New Urban Mechanics**, Summer, 2018

*Play around the City*, Partnership with Beatrice Graf

Created a multi-color sidewalk mural in front of the Trotter School Playground. Designed as a large-scale coloring book, people were encouraged to add to the design with chalk and to follow the many interconnected paths. Artists and community members participated in the painting.

### **The Reclamation Artists**, Fall 2003

*Reclaiming Nuns' Field*

Nuns Field at 72 Delle Ave. was part of a 22-acre package that was sold to a development firm. Temporary art works used beauty as a form of protest against market-rate housing being developed on the land. Years later the land remains as green space for the Mission Hill neighborhood.

## Arts Policy, Boston, MA

### **Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture**, Spring, 2019

Took part in a focus group for visual and multidisciplinary artists, to inform the artist live-work guidelines for the City of Boston.

## Education Policy, Boston Public Schools, Boston, MA

### **Mission Hill School K-8, Boston**, Winter 2019 - Present

Collaborating with school staff, parents and school leadership to improve accessibility in one classroom, for students with light sensitivities to fluorescent lights. Will advocate to scale this pilot up.

### **Build BPS**, Spring 2019, Partnership with Neema Avashia

Crafted potential legislation that addresses the need for changes in the BPS facilities master plan to improve equity, transparency and community input. A petition to support this work received over 500 signatures, including those from education advocates.

### **Transportation Challenge**, 2017 - 2018

Created a school start time proposal in 2017 for the *BPS Transportation Challenge*. This proposal was revised in response to parent feedback in 2018.

### **School Assignment Community Proposals**, Fall, 2013, and Fall, 2018

Created and presented one of the community proposals that the External Advisory Committee considered for changing school assignment. In 2018 wrote about increasing equity by reforms to the current system.

## Campaign Volunteer and Fellow, Boston MA

### **Julia Mejia Campaign for City Council at Large**, June - Nov. 2019

- Contributed policy, research, and graphic design.
- Canvassed, and organized a meet and greet campaign event.
- Attended community events, and trainings.
- Served as an elections recount observer.

## Community Advocacy

- Ward 4, Boston, 2019 - 2020
- PILOT Action Group, 2019 - 2020
- Mission Hill K-8 Governing Board, 2016 - 2020

## Personal Advocacy

- K-8 education, affordable housing, the arts, and disability rights, 2013 - 2020.

## Community Connections

- Symphony Community Gardens, 2015 - 2020
- Victory Community Gardens, 1997 - 2009
- Galatea Fine Arts Cooperative Gallery, 2011 - 2015
- Local Colors Cooperative Gallery, 1997 - 2002
- Fensgate Cooperative Board, 2009 - 2011
- Museum Independent Security Union, 1990's