



Jillian Rice

Communications Manager

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Jillian Rice joined Harbage Consulting with years of progressive experience in communications, public policy, political campaigns, and grassroots organizing. Her diverse experience and background have uniquely positioned her to take on communications campaigns targeting diverse audiences, challenges, and goals. She serves as Communications Manager for the firm and plays a key role in supporting California's Coordinated Care Initiative.

Jillian's experience in the field of public policy ranges from development to implementation and spans all levels of government. Most recently, she served as communications director for the California State Assembly in the 32nd District. Jillian's responsibilities included developing and executing a comprehensive media plan and outreach toolkit that narrated the Assembly member's legislative priorities. She was the district lead on a variety of policy areas and local issues, helping produce legislative bills for the California State Assembly. Jillian was also responsible for strategically planning and coordinating community events across multiple counties to deliver information to residents about new laws and state programs. Jillian's expertise in coalition building and stakeholder engagement has enabled her to help secure grants for various projects and fight for funding for educational programs during budget negotiations.

Born and raised in California's Central Valley, Jillian has a unique perspective of the challenges that many minority and low-income residents face – particularly in accessing health care. She holds a B.A. in political science from California State University-Bakersfield and has lived abroad in both Wales and India. In her spare time, Jillian likes to practice yoga, hike, travel, and cook. She is a self-proclaimed cat lady and sci-fi/fantasy fiction nerd.