



## **LISA GARCIA**

Lisa Flavia Garcia serves as Regional Administrator for EPA's Region 2 office covering New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and eight federally recognized Indian Nations. Garcia is an environmental lawyer who has advocated for environmental and climate justice for 20 years as a community lawyer representing grassroots groups and as a public servant at all levels of government.

In 2019, Lisa joined Grist Magazine to run an innovative new program called Fix, a climate solutions lab focused on amplifying the voices of climate leaders and accelerating equitable climate solutions. Prior to that, she was Vice President for Litigation for Healthy Communities at the nonprofit law organization Earthjustice, where she launched programs including Sustainable Food and Farming, Puerto Rico initiative, and Community Partnerships.

Under the Obama administration, Lisa led the EPA's environmental justice work, serving as Associate Administrator and Senior Advisor to EPA Administrators Lisa P. Jackson and Gina McCarthy. She helped create and implement Plan EJ 2014, the first strategic plan for weaving EJ into all of the EPA's work. She led the design team for EJSCREEN, EPA's first nationwide EJ mapping tool to assess overburdened communities, which has been used widely by states and communities and is the foundation for President Biden's Climate and Economic mapping tool.

Prior to 2009, Lisa was Director of Environmental Justice and Indian Affairs at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and she was an Assistant Attorney General in the Environmental Protection Bureau of the NYS Attorney General's Office and an Associate Professor at Rutgers Law School in Newark, NJ. She also worked for Senator Robert Torricelli and NJ State Senator Byron Baer.

Lisa has served on the boards of El Puente, The Fund for NJ, Eastern Environmental Law Center, the David Rockefeller Fund, Governors Island Trust, Palisades Interstate Park Commission, and the Nature Conservancy.

Garcia Garcia is a proud graduate of Teaneck High School in NJ, Stony Brook University (SUNY), and Brooklyn Law School. She lives in Brooklyn, NY with her husband and son.