

BIO FOR LISA M. REA

Lisa Rea has extensive and broad experience in legislative advocacy, public policy development, and grassroots organizing. She is a former legislative staff person to three members of the California Legislature. Lisa has served in the public and private sector as a legislative advocate and legislative director on a diverse range of subjects including criminal justice reform, healthcare, labor, welfare reform and environmental public policy.

She is a national and international expert in restorative justice with over 20 years' experience working with crime victims, ex-offenders and exonerees.

Lisa served on staff for two national criminal justice organizations advocating for systemic criminal justice reform as a legislative advocate and policy strategist. In 1998 in Texas she directed one of the first national intensive in-prison restorative justice projects bringing crime victims together with offenders inside a Texas medium security prison (Sycamore Tree Project, a program of Prison Fellowship International).

Lisa founded the Justice & Reconciliation Project (JRP), a national nonprofit based in California representing victims of violent crime in support of restorative justice. She is currently the president and founder of Restorative Justice International (RJI), an international association and network created through social media with over 6200 members and affiliate members. RJI works for systemic justice reform based on victims-driven restorative justice. RJI is a global leader and change maker in the growing field of restorative justice. RJI is guided by a Global Advisory Council with members from 12 countries which includes leaders in restorative justice and criminal justice reform. RJI's mission advocates for deep systemic justice reform wherever it is needed including addressing wrongful convictions. RJI is known for its popular and expansive podcasts showcasing restorative justice and justice reform nationally and globally.

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