

Sen. Catherine Blakespear (CA038 D)

State Senator from CA Senate District 38

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Legal Name: Catherine Blakespear
Nickname: Catherine
Ethnicity: White/Caucasian
Gender: Female



Political Party: Democratic Party - Majority
Elected: First elected in 2022 - 52% of vote last election
Seniority: 32 of 40
Terms Served: Currently serving first term
Next Election: 2026
Reelection Status: This legislator may run for reelection

Born: San Diego, CA
Residence: Encinitas City, CA
Family: Married; 2 children

Education: Northwestern University (IL), Bachelor of Science in Journalism, 1994; Northwestern University (IL), Master of Science in Journalism, 1999; University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence, 2003 - 2006

Occupations: Journalism - Journalist, Los Angeles Times, 2000 - 2003; Journalism - News Reporter, Associated Press, 2001 - 2003; Legal - Law Clerk, UT Court of Appeals, 2007 - 2008; Legal - Associate Attorney, Ray Quinney and Nebeker, 2008 - 2009; Legal - Attorney at Law, 2009 - Current

Political Experience: Former President, San Dieguito Water Board; Former Member, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Board; Former Member, Regional Solid Waste Association Board; Former Member, San Elijo Joint Powers Authority Board; Traffic Commissioner, Encinitas City Traffic and Public Safety Commission, 2011 - 2014; Member, Encinitas City Council, 2014 - 2022; Mayor, Encinitas City, 2016 - 2022

Capitol Staff: Mr. Jack Christensen, Chief of Staff
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BRIEFING REPORT

CREATED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

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Committees: Joint Fairs, Allocation & Classification

Joint Legislative Climate Change Policies

Senate Budget & Fiscal Review

- No. 2 on Resources, Enviro Protection, Energy & Transportation

Senate Elections & Constitutional Amendments - Chairman

Senate Housing

Senate Human Services

Senate Transportation

- LOSSAN Rail Corridor Resiliency - Chairman

Biography: Catherine Blakespear was elected in 2022 as the state senator for the 38th district, which represents northern San Diego County and southern Orange County. Catherine previously served eight years in local government, six years as the Encinitas Mayor and two years on the Encinitas City Council.

As mayor of Encinitas, Catherine made her city the first in the County to deliver 100% renewable power and passed a tough climate action plan to reduce emissions.

When the pandemic hit, Catherine delivered emergency financial assistance to help local businesses keep their doors open. As mayor, Catherine banned ghost guns, passed tough safe gun storage requirements, and supported red flag laws to keep guns out of the hands of people who are a potential threat and made her city one of the safest in California. Additionally, Catherine improved water infrastructure during her time as Vice President of the San Dieguito Water Board, ensuring customers a reliable, clean water supply.

Catherine has been a champion of women's reproductive rights since before entering public life. Catherine is proud to have been 100% pro-choice, 100% of the time.

Catherine's priorities include reducing human suffering by helping our unhoused neighbors to become housed, stabilizing our warming climate, increasing transit options, strengthening the economy, fighting gun violence, building more affordable housing, and creating more opportunities for every California family to thrive.

Catherine lives with her husband, two teenagers and her mom in Encinitas.