

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: 19 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

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BRIEFING REPORT

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Committees: Joint Legislative Climate Change Policies

Senate Budget & Fiscal Review

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

Senate Environmental Quality - Chairman

Senate Governmental Organization

Senate Transportation

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. She previously served eight years in local government - six years as the Encinitas Mayor and two on the Encinitas City Council.

In her first year in the Senate, Blakespear focused on increasing the affordability and availability of housing, improving public transportation infrastructure, preventing gun violence, protecting the environment and countering climate change.

Blakespear sits on the Senate's committees on housing, human services and transportation. She is also on the Budget and Fiscal Review Committee and Budget Subcommittee 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection and Energy. She is Chair of the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments and Chair of the Senate Transportation Subcommittee on LOSSAN Rail Corridor Resiliency, which is tasked with improving support for the 351-mile rail line that runs from San Diego to San Luis Obispo and faces climate change threats.

Blakespear authored six bills in 2023 that were passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor. In addition, she hosted and attended dozens of events in District 38 to raise awareness about critical issues, engage communities she represents and celebrate accomplished individuals and businesses. Her Ending Homeless Summit in October 2023, for instance, brought together leading policymakers and experts in homelessness to find solutions to this humanitarian crisis.

Blakespear has been a champion of women's reproductive rights since before entering public life and is proud to be 100 percent pro-choice, 100 percent of the time.

A lawyer and former journalist, Blakespear lives with her husband and two teenagers in Encinitas.