



SENATOR CATHERINE S. BLAKESPEAR
REPRESENTING SENATE DISTRICT 38

Welcomes You to the 4TH ANNUAL ENDING HOMELESSNESS SUMMIT

Presented By Senator Catherine S. Blakespear





ABOUT SENATOR BLAKESPEAR

Catherine S. Blakespear was elected in 2022 to represent California's 38th State Senate District, covering 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 the Senate, Blakespear has focused on reducing homelessness, curbing the cost of living, preventing gun violence, protecting the environment, improving public transportation and countering climate change. Blakespear chairs the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and Senate Transportation Subcommittee on LOSSAN Rail Corridor Resiliency.

Blakespear has authored 40 bills that have been signed into law, including legislation on reducing plastic waste, gun violence prevention, and clean energy. She has also hosted and attended dozens of events in Senate District 38 to raise awareness about pressing state and regional issues and engage communities she represents.

A lawyer and former journalist, Blakespear lives in Encinitas.

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Healthcare



Housing



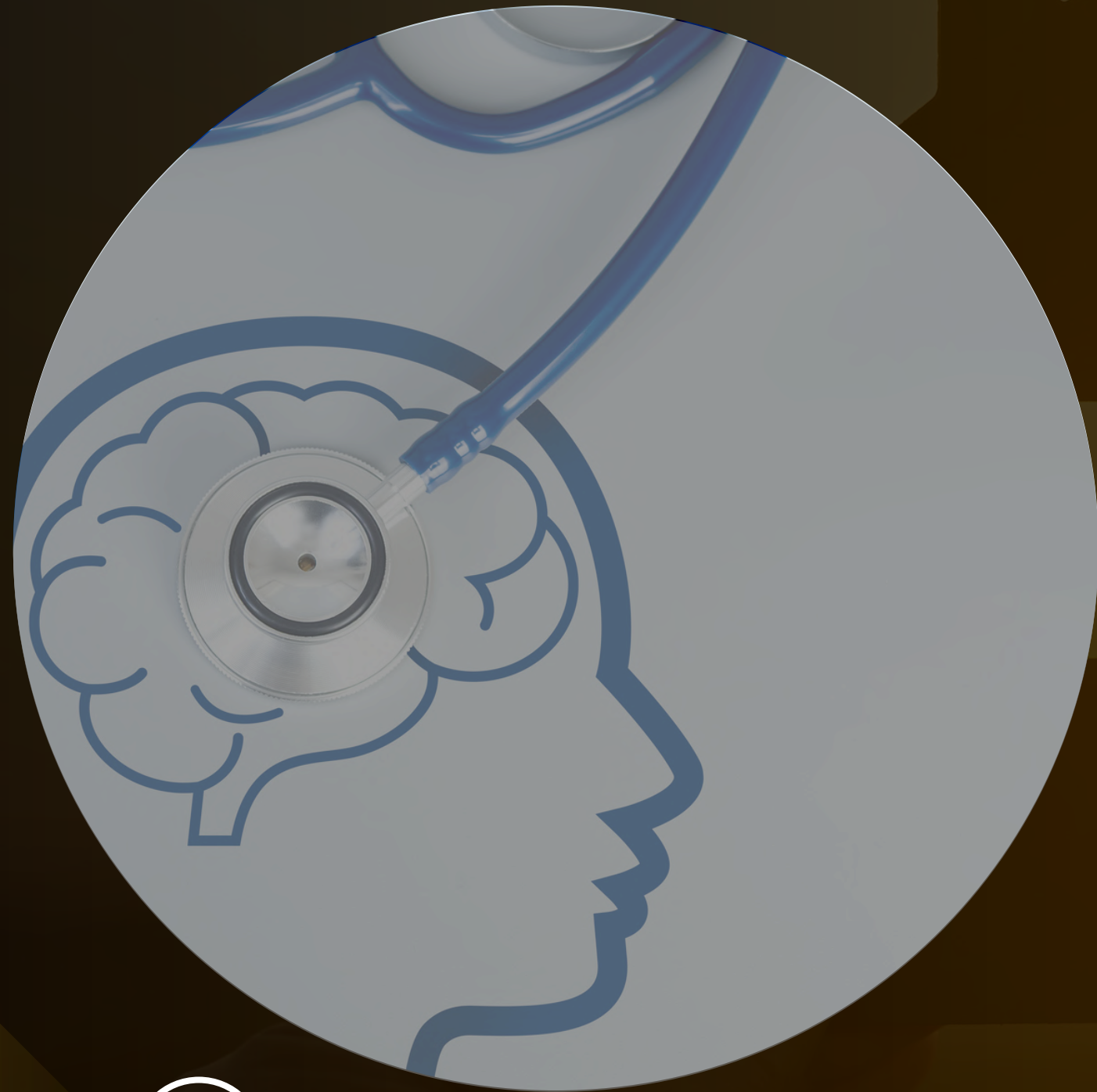
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Health



Public
Safety



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PATHWAYS TO
SERVICES EXIST



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by the numbers

181,000

Californians experienced homelessness in 2025

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50%

of Californians experiencing homelessness
have complex mental health needs

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It is essential that we improve the coordination of services to better serve those experiencing homelessness and struggling with untreated mental illness or addiction.

Treating the two issues separately does not make sense.

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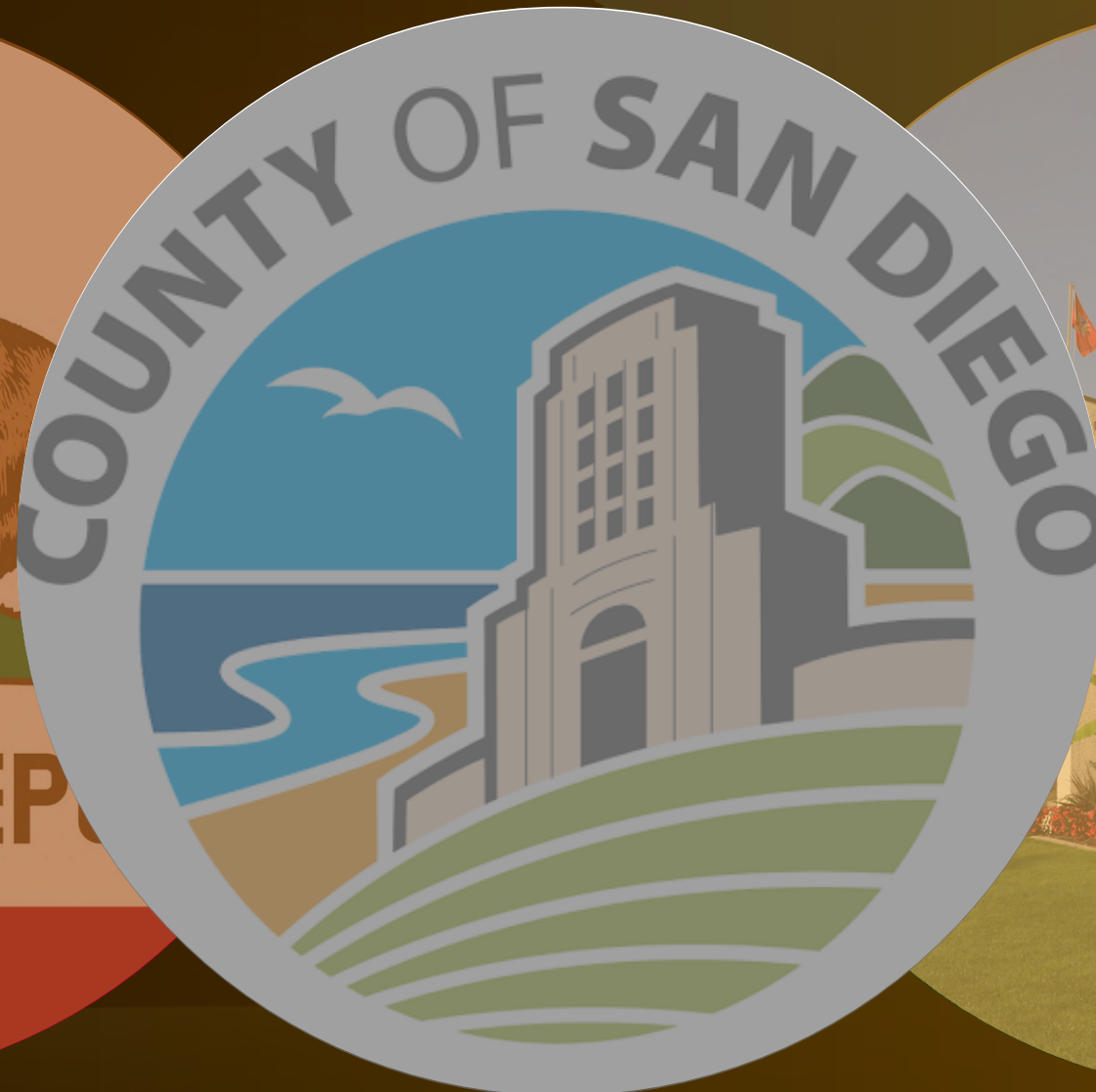
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Local

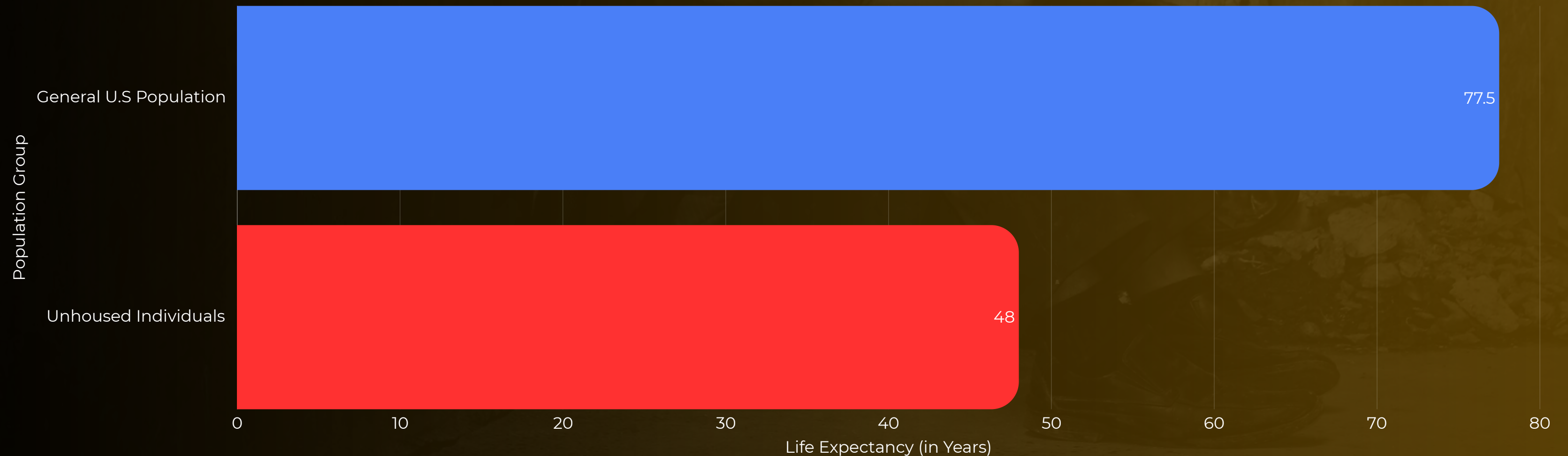


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THE COST OF INACTION

THE COST OF **IN**ACTION TO PEOPLE

The Impact of Homelessness on Lifetime Expectancy



Healthcare for the Homeless, 2020

THE COST OF **INACTION** TO EMERGENCY SERVICES

5x

people experiencing homelessness use emergency services at
nearly five times the rate of the non-homeless population

THE COST OF **INACTION**
TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

\$127,800

to incarcerate one person per year

THE COST OF **INACTION** TO TAXPAYERS

\$50,000

per unhoused Californian

THE COST OF INACTION
TO THE ENVIRONMENT

20,000

garbage trucks worth of litter collected strictly
from encampments by Caltrans.

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WHAT WORKS

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Aligning these best practices gives us a better chance of changing the outcomes.

01

Prevention

We need to better utilize the various tools to prevent someone from falling into homelessness.

02

Early Treatment

The earlier we can intervene the better chance we have to prevent a chronic crisis.

03

Coordination of Housing & Supportive Services

Improving the process to handoff an individual between agencies gives them the foundation to stability.



WHAT I AM DOING TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM



LEGISLATION

Housing

01 **Senate Bill 7**
Regional Housing Needs
Determination

02 **Senate Bill 1361**
CEQA Exemption for Local Agency
Homelessness Service Contracts

03 **Senate Bill 482**
Capitalized Operating
Subsidy Reserves

Behavioral Health

04 **Senate Bill 16**
5150 Training Pathways

05 **Senate Bill 561**
Probate Investigation Timelines

06 **Senate Bill 989**
Expanding Access to CARE Court

LEGISLATION

Not Every Legislative Effort Succeeded

- 01** **Senate Bill 1016**
CARE Court Bridge Act
- 02** **Senate Bill 866**
Homelessness Planning and
Transparency
- 03** **Senate Bill 967**
Promoting Homeless-Serving
Interim Housing Construction

FUNDING SHELTERS AND PROGRAMS TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

Oceanside Interim Housing

City of Oceanside, \$3 million

Secured state funding for the creation of tiny homes serving older adults and veterans who are living on the streets.



Buena Creek Navigation Center

City of Vista, \$8 million

Secured state funding for the startup and operation of the BCNC, a noncongregate shelter that connected residents with services.



County of San Diego Homelessness Prevention Landlord Incentive Program

\$1.67 million

Secured state funding creating incentives for landlords to rent to veterans experiencing homelessness.



SPEAK UP **SHAPE POLICY**

You are the people who see where the system breaks down. You know what works and what doesn't.

You see what we can't see in Sacramento.

Scan the QR code to submit your ideas.





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**THANK YOU
FOR JOINING US**

