

Mayor's Office for Victims' Rights (MOVVR)

Independent department by design, distinct from law enforcement, that can **confidentially** help crime victims/survivors regardless of their contact with law enforcement.

- Provide information, warm connections to resources, direct advocacy.
- Receive complaints about violations & identify systemic problems.
- Develop legislative and policy solutions to improve the victim support system.
- Help victims/survivors problem-solve when support needed but either decline law enforcement contact or struggling to access help
- Trainings and Technical Assistance

Gaps Impacting Public & Personal Safety

Challenges:

- No safe housing: 43% unhoused families cite family violence as cause; relocation, urgent, and transitional housing solutions insufficient to meet need
- Increased lethality and violence: IPV
- Prevention limited by scarcity of resources

Effective Solutions:

- **Homelessness Prevention:** urgent accommodation vouchers, imminent harm analysis
- **Strengthen Public Safety:** Enforcement of ROs, SVU and community-based victim response
 - **Focus on Prevention:** Right to counsel, expand upstream work

Cost of Inaction: IPV

- Tangible economic toll in California of Intimate Partner Violence alone: **\$73B**
 - Lost productivity: fewer hours worked, job loss, income loss
 - Expenditures to criminal system, health care
 - Economic strain on victims/survivors, during and after
 - Perpetuation of cycle of violence
 - Deepens inequities, most vulnerable more deeply impacted – women, transgender, non-binary, women of color, immigrants



Cost of Inaction: Sexual Violence

Tangible costs: \$9B in 2012 -- \$10.3B in 2026

- Medical, mental health care
- Prevention, investigation, sanctioning, treatment, victim services

Intangible costs: \$131B -- \$178B in 2026

- Lost quality of life, lost work productivity

➤ \$2.9B from tangible local, state, federal spending, almost **\$117B** of costs shouldered by victims and their families

Every prevented rape of an adult can save up to \$223,000, every prevented rape of a child can save up to \$309,000.



What Are We Doing to Address Challenges?

- Bird's eye and granular vision, annual landscape analysis with actionable recommendations for immediate, short-term, long-term change
 - Proactive recommendations in real-time: e.g. housing vouchers, SVU staffing, protective order reform
- Supporting victims/survivors
- Operational support, trouble-shooting in partnership with governmental and nongovernmental organizations
- Cost-neutral trainings and TA for departments, relevant NGOs
- Cost-neutral leveraging of external support: STOUT++
- Sheriff office hours, SHARP Night Out