



US House Arizona District 2

HOW TO USE THE AARP VOTERS' GUIDE:

AARP produced this guide to help you find out what candidates are saying about health and financial security in their own words.

HAVING TROUBLE CUTTING THROUGH THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CLUTTER?

AARP is committed to helping you get the facts you need to choose candidates who reflect your views and values. We are nonpartisan – we don't support or oppose any political candidates or contribute any money to campaigns or political action committees. Our priority is ensuring you know where the candidates stand before you cast your vote.



aarp.org/yourvote

Social Security

How would you protect Social Security for today's seniors and strengthen it for future generations?

AARP's Position:

Social Security should continue to guarantee that Americans who work and pay into the system receive benefits based on what they earn and contribute. Benefits should keep up with inflation and last for as long as an individual lives. We must strengthen Social Security for the future and protect benefits for people who count on them most, including surviving spouses and families, lower-wage workers, and disabled individuals who no longer can work. Social Security must be put on stable financial ground, but any adjustments should be implemented gradually so changes do not impact those in or near retirement.

Ron Barber (Dem):

The current Social Security Trust Fund is solvent well into the 2030s and Medicare until 2029. There will be a significant increase in number of Social Security and Medicare recipients as the baby boom generation retires. We need to make modest adjustments to ensure solvency far into the future. This is not unlike those adjustments that have been made in the past. Ron will not support efforts to phase out Social Security and Medicare and replace them with privatized systems that won't offer firm assurances of a livable income to future retirees. (Source: Barber Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/cwe30>)

Martha E. McSally (Rep):

We also must protect Social Security for current seniors and preserve it for future generations who are working now and paying into it. If we do nothing, Social Security benefits will be cut and payments will be reduced in 2033. However, I am against any effort to privatize Social Security because seniors have paid into this program their entire lives and are relying on it for retirement security. We cannot violate our promise to them. (Source: McSally Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/zA49Z>)

Medicare

How would you put Medicare on stronger financial ground and protect today's seniors and future retirees from rising health costs?

AARP's Position:

Medicare should be strengthened and improved so both current and future generations can count on having access to high-quality, affordable coverage. Medicare should continue to guarantee a specific set of benefits that are affordable and meet a person's health care needs. Medicare should offer choices that ensure access to high-quality health care. Medicare should improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of care by emphasizing value and cracking down on fraud, waste, and abuse.

Ron Barber (Dem):

Ron has made four Medicare Promises, they are: 1. He will not support massive cuts in Medicare benefits[...] 2. He will not support making Medicare a voluntary program. If healthy seniors walk away, it will make Medicare more expensive for those who need it most. 3. He will not vote for a Medicare Program that requires seniors buy private insurance. 4. He will not vote to make seniors take responsibility for fixing the deficit. Seniors have worked their entire lives earning Medicare benefits and we have to keep our end of the deal. (Source: Barber Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/cwe30>)

Martha E. McSally (Rep):

Our seniors deserve the secure retirements they have earned. Promises made should be promises kept, which is why I support protecting Medicare [...] for our seniors and for future generations. I full-out reject the harmful cuts to Medicare and Medicare Advantage [...] which were used to pay for Obamacare. These cuts amount to \$1,500 per senior, and will result in reduced access to the health care they need. I also do not support the changes to Medicare included in the GOP Ryan budget, because the model is untested and may result in higher out-of-pocket costs if we do not bring the overall cost of health care down. (Source: McSally Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/zA49Z>)

Financial Security

How would you help Americans save so they can secure their future and live independently as they age?

AARP's Position:

More opportunities and incentives should be available for all Americans to plan and save so they can have a more secure future. Freedom from age discrimination is a fundamental right and critical to Americans' ability to have a secure retirement. Every worker should be treated fairly, regardless of age. We need to support family caregivers who make it possible for more seniors to live in their homes and communities, where they want, rather than taxpayers and struggling families paying for costlier care.

Ron Barber (Dem):

Small businesses create the lion's share of the new jobs in America. [...] Ron will work to cut red tape, regulations and tax policies that hold back businesses. He will push to expand solar, bioscience and high tech industries, which create high paying jobs in our community. We must also understand that one of the keys to improving our Southern Arizona economy is strengthening home values. That means more home construction and more real estate transactions – two things that are the lifeblood of Southern Arizona's economy. (Source: Barber Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/cwesG>)

Martha E. McSally (Rep):

Decades of politicians kicking the can down the road has left us with a situation in which if we do nothing, we will not have enough resources to protect Social Security and Medicare for my generation and those who follow, and that is unacceptable. This is simply a math issue, so we must sit down and identify bipartisan solutions to strengthen these programs for the long haul. (Source: McSally Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/zA49Z>)



After years of working hard and paying into the system, AARP believes you've earned the right to know where the candidates stand on the issues that matter to you and your family. This Voters' Guide will help you find out where the candidates stand on health and financial security in their own words, so you can decide which candidate best reflects your views and values.

To find out more about these issues and voting information, please visit aarp.org/yourvote.

Voter Information Inside

NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
AARP

601 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20049

