



US House California District 5

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.

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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.

James Hinton (I):

Hinton said he favors a new tax on securities transfers to help stabilize Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Head Start and other programs. (Source: Times-Herald, <http://ow.ly/xNB9v>)

Mike Thompson (Dem):

Social Security and Medicare are important and successful programs. They pay billions of dollars in benefits to millions of beneficiaries and deliver on our promise of protecting seniors who worked all their lives. As your representative in Congress, I am committed to making sure the promise of Social Security and Medicare is 100 percent certain today and for years to come. We must make sure today's seniors are guaranteed the retirement security they've earned through a lifetime of work. And for tomorrow's seniors, we must take steps to make sure Social Security and Medicare continue delivering on their promise. (Source: Mike Thompson for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xDkts>)

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.

James Hinton (I):

We need health care. However 99% of us want affordable, quality health care. We want single payer health care. Get rid of third party parasites in our health care system. Money should go from the patient to the doctor/pharmacist, not to a black hole of corporate lobbyist/drug dealers. Cost-cutting will be achieved through eliminating exorbitant corporate profits, through administrative reform and above all through a federally-funded program of biomedical research designed to discover new and more effective treatments and cures for the principal diseases currently afflicting humanity. (Source: Hinton for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xNAAM>)

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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.

James Hinton (I):

Using the new revenue, Federally-sponsored infrastructure projects will include building hospitals, schools, water management systems, and highway/bridge reconstruction. (Source: Hinton for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xNBvg>)

Mike Thompson (Dem):

My number one priority as your member of Congress is growing our economy, creating good jobs and strengthening our middle class. That's why I'm fighting for job creating investments in infrastructure, energy and education that will put people to work now, and put our economy on solid ground for years to come. If we make these investments, our district and our country will be better off – it will be a place where our middle class is strong and secure, where hard work is rewarded, where everybody gets a fair shot and everyone has the opportunity to succeed. (Source: Mike Thompson for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xDkts>)



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.

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