



US House California District 6

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.

Doris O. Matsui (Dem):

Those who work hard and play by the rules deserve a dignified and secure retirement[...]Social Security is not the cause of our nation's deficit problem, and the fiscal crisis should not be solved on the backs of Social Security beneficiaries. My democratic colleagues and I have been, and continue to be, committed to protecting and strengthening this essential program. (Source: Matsui House Website, <http://ow.ly/zoMxR>)

Joseph McCray Sr. (Rep):

I would make no changes for existing participants who are 55 or over, reform the system for younger workers just beginning to pay into social security and propose legislation to prevent using the Social Security Fund to finance other programs. (Source: Joseph McCray Sr. Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xFhpL>)

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.

Doris O. Matsui (Dem):

"Cutting Medicare benefits would hurt all of our seniors – but women seniors specifically would see their standard of living affected. A cut in Medicare benefits would reduce a women's ability to pay for ever costlier basic necessities, such as groceries, gas, and medical care[...]So I want to make clear, to my colleagues here, to the nearly 50,000 women on Medicare in and around my home district of Sacramento, and the nearly 25 million across our country: I will keep fighting to ensure that your benefits are not cut[...]And we will keep fighting to ensure that you continue to receive the benefits that you were promised." (Source: Matsui House Website, <http://ow.ly/y5P8a>)

Joseph McCray Sr. (Rep):

Put a stronger financial ground and protect today's seniors and future retirees from the burden of rising health cost by using moneys from overlapping Federal Agencies and cutting off foreign aid to those who are unfriendly to the United States.(Source: Vote Smart, <http://ow.ly/xPLjj>)

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.

Doris O. Matsui (Dem):

The Seniors Bill of Rights outlines the basic tenets I believe our senior citizens deserve, including: 1. The right to a financially secure retirement. 2. The right to quality, affordable health care. To protect our seniors from abuse, I will only support legislation that protects these rights (Source: Matsui House Website, <http://ow.ly/zKtJ8>)

Joseph McCray Sr. (Rep):

As a former successful small businessman I believe that we need to focus on creating private sector jobs in order for true economic recovery to take place. I will work to amend, replace, or eliminate outdated or malfunctioning regulations which stifle the private sector's ability to create jobs and grow the economy. (Source: Joseph McCray Sr. Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xFhpL>)



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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