



## US House California District 14

### **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.

### **Robin L. Chew (Rep):**

The math seems straightforward to me. Population growth among native-born Americans is falling. The bubble of baby boomers entering retirement is beginning. The pool of native-born workers contributing to Social Security is shrinking. A large percentage of projected population growth are immigrants and their children. "We need reforms that facilitate the legal immigration of the people America WILL NEED to ensure the future solvency of Social Security and Medicare." America's growing population of legal immigrants will pick up the slack in social security contributions. The future system may depend on them. (Source: Chew's Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xNR3K>)

### **Jackie Speier (Dem):**

What we need to do is make sure the Social Security Administration has the authority it needs to increase accountability and modernize its processes so it's more efficient. The integrity of the program must be protected so taxpayers' hard-earned money isn't squandered." Source: Committee on Oversight and Government Refom Website, <http://ow.ly/xFyqs>)

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## **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.

### **Robin L. Chew (Rep):**

AARP did extensive research but was unable to find any public statement on this issue by July 11, 2014.

### **Jackie Speier (Dem):**

Speier believes we must do more to protect the Medicare system[...]This is why Speier is committed to implementing common sense reforms that will ensure adequate access to care, increased efficiency and a Medicare system that is available for decades to come. She believes we must do more to eliminate Medicare fraud which costs our nation nearly \$60 billion each year, reduce medical errors and infections which not only cost our system \$45 billion annually[...] (Source: Jackie Speier Website, <http://ow.ly/bTDxN>)

## **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.

### **Robin L. Chew (Rep):**

Economic growth is the number one issue facing America. Congress' policies should be geared towards economic growth, not revenue. Growth leads to jobs, which leads to revenue. Not the other way around. (Source: Chew's Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xPPap>)

### **Jackie Speier (Dem):**

Speier worked[...]to pass the Small Business Jobs Act - to increase much needed lending to millions of small businesses, and offer 8 new tax incentives to companies, so that they may expand, hire, and fuel our economy. Small businesses are the foundation of our economy and are an integral part of creating jobs and rebuilding the economy for the future. Speier believes we owe it to them to ensure that they have a business environment in this country that helps them grow and flourish. Increased access to capital and new tax cuts will not only keep jobs in America, it will allow small businesses to make it in America. (Source: Jackie Speier Website, <http://ow.ly/bTDo2>)



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](http://aarp.org/yourvote).

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