



US House California District 16

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.



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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.

Jim Costa (Dem):

We can cut through the partisan rhetoric with a balanced package that: Implements the Simpson-Bowles recommendations to reduce spending by \$4 trillion over 10 years lower tax rates, ensure the solvency of Medicare and Social Security and stabilize the debt. (Source: Congressman Costa's official site, <http://ow.ly/d8nxh>)

Johnny M. Tacherra (Rep):

Johnny Tacherra believes in responsibly reforming social security. (Source: Zoom Info, <http://ow.ly/xNqOn>)

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.

Jim Costa (Dem):

What Health Care Reform Means For You....FOR SENIORS: • Closing the Medicare Part D donut hole • Extends the solvency of the Medicare Trust Fund from 2017 to 2026 • Free preventive care under Medicare – no co-payments and deductibles (Source: Congressman Costa's official site, <http://ow.ly/d8nR2>)

Johnny M. Tacherra (Rep):

1. Repeal Obamacare. 2. Allow for interstate competition between insurers. 3. Phase out federal responsibility for other health programs and transfer them to the states. (Source: Smart Voter, <http://ow.ly/xPTF6>)

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.

Jim Costa (Dem):

Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) were successful in reaching all three counties across California's 20th District, putting people back to work and improving our communities[...] Whether it is constructing a new and sorely needed bridge in Bakersfield or preventing a firefighter from being laid off, the Recovery Act helped put people to work and make a difference in our communities. As we work to secure more water and keep our economy going, I continue to support tax cuts and common sense measures that benefit our working and middle-class families. (Source: Congressman Costa's official site, <http://ow.ly/bUNNd>)

Johnny M. Tacherra (Rep):

I will support free market solutions to fix inequities in health coverage (including tax credits for companies that insure pre-existing conditions). The lies to the American people to pass legislation that harms our families' health and the economy must stop. I will actively support an area where the government can make a difference: Fully funding disease and mental health research to find cures and strengthen the medical research universities that are saving more lives every year. By focusing our resources on research into cures for diseases like cancer and autism we can make our healthcare even better. (Source: Tacherra for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xNSrV>)



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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