



US House California District 18

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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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.

Anna G. Eshoo (Dem):

Reforms are necessary to guarantee Social Security's long-term solvency, but the basic tenets of the program must be protected to ensure a secure and independent retirement for millions of Americans. Rep. Eshoo is devoted to strengthening Social Security for generations to come and opposes privatization of the program. She believes it is vital that all seniors and people with disabilities have a benefit they can count on during their retirement years. (Source: Rep. Eshoo Website, <http://ow.ly/y5V72>)

Richard B. Fox (Rep):

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

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.

Anna G. Eshoo (Dem):

Privatizing Medicare will expose seniors to an insecure retirement. There is no question we must control the costs of Medicare. We began to lower costs with the new healthcare law, which saves \$430 billion in Medicare over the next ten years. The new law focuses on preventive health, which is a way to reduce costs and improve public health. Congress should also allow Medicare to negotiate the price of prescription drugs, saving billions every year. I pledge to do everything I can to end privatization efforts. My constituents deserve Medicare with a guarantee to be able to access doctors, hospitals and medicines. (Source: Huffington Post, <http://ow.ly/xFOsC>)

Richard B. Fox (Rep):

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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.

Anna G. Eshoo (Dem):

"Broadband networks are critical to our country's economic success by facilitating job creation, new business growth, and connectivity to important Internet services, such as online classrooms, health IT, and smart grid technology," said Rep. Anna G. Eshoo, D-Calif. (Source: AOL Government, <http://ow.ly/bUZcy>)

Richard B. Fox (Rep):

Unemployment and economic recovery are far better addressed by small-government policies that promote full employment through strong economic growth in the private sector by cutting the taxes and regulations that are holding it back. (Source: Fox for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xPUuE>)



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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