



US House California District 21

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.

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She said she would work to protect Medicare and Social Security and to ensure veterans and their families get the care and benefits they earned. (Source: Tulare Voice, <http://ow.ly/xNTH5>)

David G. Valadao (Rep):

In order to save these programs for future generations, they must be reformed. I do not support eliminating them and I do not support making changes that would affect current retirees or anyone nearing retirement. Social Security and Medicare make up over 1/3 of all spending by the federal government. Without improvements, Social Security and Medicare will be unable to meet the promises made to the next generation of retirees and will burden future generations with reduction in services and tax increases. We must ensure the programs' long term sustainability. (Source: Rep. Valado's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xFTf8>)

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.

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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.

Amanda A. Renteria (Dem):

I will be a voice for our seniors, our students, and our families, and I will always put their interests first. (Source: Renteria for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xNTXk>)

David G. Valadao (Rep):

To help businesses stay in California and create new jobs, David Valadao wrote a bill requiring government agencies to make public the economic impact of new regulations before they are implemented. (Source: David Valado Campaign Website; <http://ow.ly/bVyKa>)



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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