



US House California District 25

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.

Stephen T. Knight (Rep):

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

Anthony A. Strickland (R):

We need leaders in Washington with the political courage to address the problem seriously while keeping the promise to America's Greatest Generation by protecting Medicare and Social Security... We can't pass on this kind of unsustainable debt to future generations and it's past time that we faced this problem so we can leave a stable, debt free country for our children and grandchildren. (Source: Strickland's Campaign Site <http://ow.ly/ybW5v>)

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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Anthony A. Strickland (R):

Strickland said he thought Paul Ryan's plan to turn Medicare into a voucher system deserves "a lot of credit," and didn't oppose turning Medicare into a voucher program for seniors under that age of 50. (Source: Ventura Country Star, <http://ow.ly/xNWg3>)

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.

Stephen T. Knight (Rep):

California's economy is sputtering. Some of our neighbors have lost their jobs, their homes and their way of life. The road to recovery for California is going to require putting people back to work in good paying jobs. We must do more to encourage job growth and business expansion. California's regulations and taxes are some of the most punitive in the Country forcing small and big businesses alike to flee our State. We can't allow this to continue. We must take aggressive steps to make California more competitive. (Source: Steve Knight for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xFZl2>)

Anthony A. Strickland (R):

Our current economic state is unacceptable. Our government has failed in one of its core duties: promoting an economy where lasting, well-paying jobs can be created. Americans pursuit of the American dream fuels growth and people should be encouraged to create new businesses and reinvest in the economy. By adhering to policies that focus on producing and protecting well-paying jobs, we can ensure we keep the American dream alive for all of us. I will oppose attacks on free enterprise and support policies that help individuals succeed. Letting hardworking Americans keep more of their hard earned dollars. (Source: Strickland for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xNWPv>)



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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