



## US House California District 34

### **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.

### **Xavier Becerra (Dem):**

Social Security is more than just the most effective government program in our history—it is a sacred bond between young and old, rich and poor that has made America a better country. As Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Social Security it will be my mission to protect Social Security from any attempt to harm the program, or break the bond that unites America across generations. (Source: Xavier Becerra Website, <http://ow.ly/y5Y1o>)

### **Adrienne N. Edwards (Dem):**

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

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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.

### **Xavier Becerra (Dem):**

Thanks to Medicare, the days when Americans would reach their senior years and find not one insurance company in the country willing to offer them a respectable health insurance plan are history. Today, our seniors are guaranteed decent, affordable healthcare by Medicare...the one secure and reliable asset in seniors' corner has been and is Medicare. Now is the time to strengthen Medicare – not privatize it or turn it into CouponCare – to guarantee it is there for the next 45 years securing the well-being of those who built America. (Source: Pharmacy Choice, <http://ow.ly/y5Y84>)

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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.

### **Xavier Becerra (Dem):**

To put America back on track, Congressman Becerra has worked with President Obama and colleagues in Congress to enact legislation that is putting Americans back to work and setting the course for sustained economic growth into the future.

- Middle Class Tax Relief & Job Creation Act of 2012
- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act
- HIRE Act
- Small Business Jobs Act
- More Economic Recovery and Job Creating Legislation from the 111th Congress (Source: Vote Smart, <http://ow.ly/y5YgA>)

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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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