



US House California District 40

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.

Lucille Roybal-Allard (Dem):

I also believe that we must retain our commitment to ensuring the long-term financial security of our nation's seniors. Congress must ensure that protecting the Social Security safety net remains a national priority for today's seniors, tomorrow's retirees, and persons with disabilities. As we continue to discuss proposals to control the deficit and reduce the national debt, we need to concentrate on finding a broad consensus on how to keep Social Security solvent that is sensible, equitable, and protects this critical program that 6 in 10 seniors rely on for the majority of their income. (Source: Lucille Roybal-Allard Website, <http://ow.ly/c3TKh>)

David Sanchez (Dem):

Its time to save social security, save senior services. save jobs, and save student services. And away with the greedy hands that want to use services for private interest. Sadly, Congress has allowed money to be taken away from Social Security. (Source: Sanches for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xQida>)

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.

Lucille Roybal-Allard (Dem):

I believe that we must guarantee the availability of a strong Medicare Program for today's seniors...I am committed to strengthening Medicare...Any proposal to ensure Medicare's financial stability must preserve guaranteed benefits that have made Medicare a reliable source of care for seniors. I supported efforts to ensure that the new health reform law strengthened Medicare's financial footing and protected the solvency of the Medicare Trust Fund, by cutting overpayments to providers, reducing waste and fraud, and lowering Medicare administrative costs. (Source: Lucille Roybal-Allard Website, <http://ow.ly/c3TKh>)

David Sanchez (Dem):

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

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.

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If elected, Sanchez said his first priority in Washington D.C. would be a four-letter word. "Jobs – we need community-based jobs," he said. "Jobs don't trickle down. Federal contracts should be given to local businesses administered by community agencies and organizations." Sanchez proposes the creation of a community university in the 40th congressional district that would provide jobs for teachers, training for disenfranchised workers, and assistance for local students trying to acquire their diplomas. (Source: Thr Downey Patriot, <http://ow.ly/xQiWa>)



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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