



US House California District 41

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.

Steve Adams (Rep):

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

Mark A. Takano (Dem):

Mark Takano will fight to protect Medicare and Social Security from[...] privatizations plans. These programs are sacred promises our nation has made to its senior citizens, and Mark will work to ensure that they remain strong, fully-funded and ready to serve current and future retirees. Mark will never support any effort to balance the budget on the backs of senior citizens." (Source: Mark Takano Website, <http://ow.ly/dcWQM>)

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.

Steve Adams (Rep):

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Mark A. Takano (Dem):

For generations, Medicare has provided American seniors with access to necessary medical care in a timely and affordable manner. Mark Takano will stand up against[...]efforts to privatize or defund Medicare, and will fight to make health coverage more affordable for working families. (Source: Mark Takano Website, <http://ow.ly/c3WfH>)

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.

Steve Adams (Rep):

The number one issue[...]is retaining jobs and fostering a business climate that allows for the creation of new jobs. We must offer a highly trained, educated work force that feeds the job market from entry level, through to the high tech and executive levels. An affordable cost of living for employees and competitive costs to do business increases the bottom line of our job providers, allowing them to add more employees and expand. My efforts as a councilman and on my Regional Economic Development Task Force have helped to consolidate the Inland Empire's economic development. (Source: Steve Adams 2014, <http://ow.ly/xGbPX>)

Mark A. Takano (Dem):

Despite the national recovery, economic growth in Riverside County has been slow to rebound and unemployment remains high. Mark Takano favors strategic investments in infrastructure – upgrades including renovating school buildings, improving roads, highways and bridges, and moving forward with high speed rail – that will create jobs and improve our community. (Source: Mark Takano Website, <http://ow.ly/c3Wq5>)



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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