



US House California District 47

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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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.

Alan S. Lowenthal (Dem):

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Andrew Whallon (Rep):

Social Security money should be invested to get the highest possible return, and should be able to provide a very comfortable retirement instead of subsistence level existence the way it does now. That in the unfortunate event that you were to die early, that money would go to your family instead of disappearing into the bottomless federal money pit, and that your money wasn't being used to cover for the federal governments irresponsible spending. (Source: Whallon for Congress, <http://ow.ly/zKS1t>)

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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Reform Social Security and Medicare and allow private options. Social Security and Medicare are fiscal time bombs. If we do not do make reforms, they will bankrupt our country. We need to acknowledge the fact that people are living much longer than when these programs were set up. The worst part, is that the government won't allow any private alternatives to these programs. That's like forcing everyone to use the postal service instead of Fedex. What's at stake is not the convenience and cost of mail delivery, but your health, and the security of your retirement. (Source: Whallon for Congress, <http://ow.ly/zKS1t>)

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.

Alan S. Lowenthal (Dem):

In the Congress, Alan will work to increase the value of our infrastructure and at the same time create good paying jobs with benefits by investing in repairing, improving, and upgrading our crumbling federal infrastructure. (Source: Vote Smart, <http://ow.ly/y6oZN>)

Andrew Whallon (Rep):

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



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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