



## US House California District 49

### **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.

### **Darrell E. Issa (Rep):**

If we are going to protect the social safety net that our citizens need and expect, we cannot afford to waste time tinkering at the edges. We need a serious conversation about how to save Medicare and Social Security that includes topics like the formula for cost-of-living adjustments, retirement age and whether our resources are taking care of those most in need. We can honor our commitments to those who have paid into the system their entire lives while making responsible reforms that protect future generations. But, working American families cannot afford to see the payroll tax surge to cover these deficits. (Source: Orange Country Register, <http://ow.ly/xI2Ps>)

### **David Peiser (Dem):**

Our economy has changed from an "employment for life" to the free agent culture. Its necessary that a safety net be put in place so all Americans are able to live with proper nutrition, adequate healthcare, and support for career change. When workers had a job for life with large companies, they could expect their healthcare to be provided by their employer and for a pension when they retired. Those days are gone for most Americans, so we need to provide these things in a different way. The Social Security System must be maintained and age requirements kept as-is. Medicare must be preserved. (Source: Peiser's Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xI6yn>)

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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.

### **Darrell E. Issa (Rep):**

We can save \$125 billion in simply not giving out money to Medicare recipients that don't exist for procedures that didn't happen. These are real dollars. Ten percent of the deficit goes out in wasted money, money that doesn't get one person health care in Medicare. (Source: PolitiFact, <http://ow.ly/xI3h3>)

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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.

### **Darrell E. Issa (Rep):**

Congress' number one priority should be putting Americans back to work and making our nation globally competitive again. Job creators in America have had to overcome a regulatory tsunami that has forced them to absorb a regulatory compliance burden costing them \$1.75 trillion each year. While small businesses are the backbone of a growing economy, more taxes and more regulations have suffocated their ability to grow and create the jobs we so desperately need. (Source: Rep. Issa's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xO5AL>)

### **David Peiser (Dem):**

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.

To find out more about these issues and voting information, please visit [aarp.org/yourvote](http://aarp.org/yourvote).

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