



## US House California District 50

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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.

### **Duncan D. Hunter (Rep):**

Strengthening, preserving and improving Social Security and Medicare is needed. The Social Security and Medicare Board of Trustees report reveals Social Security is expected to exhaust its reserves by 2033. Additionally, Medicare is projected to reach insolvency by 2024. We must reform these programs to ensure they will meet current and future obligations. I am not supportive of proposals that would impact those at or near retirement. I am confident we can protect the solvency of these programs by eliminating waste, combating fraud and incorporating reforms to increase efficiency and cost-effectiveness. (Source: Rep. Hunter's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xI714>)

### **James H. Kimber (Dem):**

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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.

### **Duncan D. Hunter (Rep):**

I also believe Medicare must reimburse our health care providers at a fair and equitable rate by finding a permanent solution for the sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula—a nearly 30% cut in reimbursements when treating Medicare and TRICARE patients. Physicians should not have to worry about whether they can afford to see their patients nor operate their practices with the ambiguity that the monthly physician fee creates. I supported legislation to delay implementation of the SGR until December 31, 2013. (Source: Rep. Hunter's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xI714>)

### **James H. Kimber (Dem):**

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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.

### **Duncan D. Hunter (Rep):**

Putting Americans back to work is a top priority. While our economy is beginning to improve, a national unemployment rate near 8 percent and California's near 10 percent unemployment rate remind us that progress must still be made. To allow our economy to reach its full potential, we must streamline federal rulemaking procedures, reduce the tax and regulatory burden on businesses and provide certainty, which will allow businesses to thrive, expand and hire once again. That is why I have consistently supported legislation that would make federal rulemaking more accountable and efficient. (Source: Rep. Hunter's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/y61kp>)

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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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