



## **US House California District 53**

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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.

#### Susan A. Davis (Dem):

The Social Security system is part of what makes America strong, and Susan is committed to safeguarding the program's core value and long-term viability. Millions of Americans rely on Social Security when they retire or become disabled, and it's crucial to keep it solvent for years to come. Susan has opposed efforts to privatize Social Security and has remained steadfast in the effort to keep it viable for future generations. (Source: Susan Davis Website, http://ow.ly/c7xot)

#### Larry A. Wilske (Rep):

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

### **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.

#### Susan A. Davis (Dem):

Our nation's seniors have worked hard their whole lives. Susan believes that seniors deserve to retire in dignity and receive the healthcare coverage promised to them through Medicare. Susan opposes changing Medicare into a voucher program that would leave our seniors at the mercy of private insurance companies. (Source: Susan Davis Website, http://ow.ly/xIde6)

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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.

#### Susan A. Davis (Dem):

Susan supports cutting debt and bringing down the deficit. We have to keep creating good jobs and supporting innovation and education. America has a long-term care crisis. Currently, there are over 10 million Americans who need long-term care, and this number is expected to grow. Susan is working to ensure seniors have the long-term care they may need when they retire. Susan voted against a bil that would repeal the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) law. Under the CLASS Act, workers would have been able buy insurance to finance the high cost of long-term care. (Source: Susan Davis Website, http://ow.ly/c7xkI)

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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.

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