



## **US House Nevada District 4**

#### 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.

#### Cresent L. Hardy (Rep):

The periodic raising of the nation's debt ceiling is not a long-term solution. Government must provide for the essential responsibilities of national defense, maintenance of federal highways, preservation of Social Security, and welfare programs for our most needy citizens. (Source: Nevada News and News, http://ow.ly/ycoUr)

#### Steven A. Horsford (Dem):

For the first 27 years of Steven's life, he visited his grandmother every week in a nursing home. Steven knows the difference between quality care and substandard care. Our seniors have spent their entire lives working hard and deserve peace of mind that their retirement will be secure. Social Security and Medicare are promises America made and programs that seniors paid into. (Source: Horsford's Campaign Site http://ow.ly/xSO2f)

### 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.

#### Cresent L. Hardy (Rep):

Hardy says Social Security and Medicare programs are not 'entitlements.' "People have paid into that. They've earned that. Yes, people get much more than they ever put in. But that's what you do with an insurance plan". (Source: Mesquite Citizen Journal, http://ow.ly/yc2xY)

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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.

#### Cresent L. Hardy (Rep):

Job creation and retention are the key elements to getting our stagnant economy moving again. Employers will not invest in new businesses or expand existing ones when taxes are high and the federal government is saddling them with expensive unfunded mandates and burdensome regulations. Congress is not directly a job creator. However, the federal government can and should be instrumental in creating a business climate in which employers are willing to invest in business expansion, new business start-ups are encouraged, and invasive regulations are kept to a minimum. (Source: Hardy's Campaign Site, http://ow.ly/xSPDT)

#### Steven A. Horsford (Dem):

Steven Horsford believes there's no greater priority than putting people back to work. Steven is fighting for a jobs plan that: Makes tax cuts for the middle class, working families and small businesses permanent; Incentivizes small businesses to hire in the next 6 months by exempting payroll taxes on people who have been unemployed for at least one year; Reduces and eliminates the regulatory burden on small business to grow and expand, and; Repairs our roads and highways transit, passenger rail and aviation services to move people and products faster and safer. This triple win makes Nevada a better place to live and run a business -- while putting thousands of Nevadans to work. (Source: Horsford's Campaign Site, http://ow.ly/xSOVX)



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**.

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