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.

Janice Hahn (Dem):
“I agree with the President that in order to govern responsibly and keep our economy on track to a real recovery, we must be willing to compromise and make some tough choices. However, the livelihood of seniors should not be used as a bargaining chip. I strongly oppose the use of Chained CPI. (Source: Rep. Hahn’s Congressional Website, http://ow.ly/xHPwA)

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.

Janice Hahn (Dem):
I am committed to real, common sense solutions to preserve Social Security and Medicare and I will fight attempts to dismantle those programs and leave senior citizens without the vital protections. Hahn has strongly opposed [...] turning Medicare into a voucher program. Hahn called for adoption of electronic medical records, including incentives in Medicare’s fee-for-service system to encourage better coordination of healthcare services, especially for those suffering from multiple chronic illnesses, and using Medicare’s considerable purchasing power to negotiate prescription drug costs. (Source: Hahn for Congress, http://ow.ly/xHQje)
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.

Janice Hahn (Dem):
Janice’s top priority is getting our economy moving again and creating well-paying jobs in California. As a member of the Small Business Committee, Janice is working to ensure that local small businesses get the help and opportunities they need to flourish in a global economy. As the founder and chair of the Ports Caucus, she is working to expand and upgrade the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, to create jobs and strengthen our regional economy. Janice is working to pass new tax incentives that will foster innovation, encourage businesses to make new hires, and attract investment in local industry.
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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