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U.S. HOUSE CANDIDATE COMPARISON: CALIFORNIA-22

A Nonpartisan Resource for Voters in the 2024 Election

Catholic Social Justice teaches that we have a responsibility to participate in politics out of a concern for and commitment to the common good. We are called to engage with openness and empathy, inform ourselves about the issues of the day, partake in serious conversations about our nation's future, and **vote**.

Here is where the U.S. House District CA-22 candidates stand on the issues.
We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.

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Rudy Salas — **Democrat** — rudysalas.com	Election Day: Tuesday, November 5th	David Valadao — **Republican** — *Incumbent* — valadaoforcongress.com
Mostly yes. "We need every tool to help us reduce waste, clean the air and produce renewable energy." Also supports biomass energy and nuclear energy. Voted against requiring net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045.	**Environment** Should addressing climate change be a top priority?	**Mostly no.** Opposed a bill addressing climate change. Opposed a carbon tax. Supported incentivizing farmers to use renewables. Sponsored a bill fostering climate-smart farming. In 2014 said climate change didn't cause California drought.
Increase. Voted to require community and employment benefits in new clean energy projects. Secured funding for workforce training at a growing community college. Supports overtime pay for farmworkers and state budget funding for infrastructure.	**Economy** Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	**Mixed.** Opposed two bipartisan bills funding infrastructure and boosting domestic manufacturing. Supports spending more to deal with drought. Supported a short-term suspension of a gas tax and a community project funding bill.
Mixed. Voted to ban firearm marketing to minors. Voted to enable police seizure of ghost guns from people with restraining orders. Voted against a ban on manufacturing firearms without a state license. Voted against tightening the permit application process.	**Gun Laws** Loosen or tighten gun regulation?	**Loosen.** Opposed banning assault weapons. Opposed raising the legal age for gun purchases and criminalizing gun trafficking. Voted against expanding background checks.
Expand. Opposes "discrimination against LGBTQ Americans." Voted to protect the privacy of people receiving gender-affirming care. Voted to require trans-inclusive healthcare training.	**LGBTQ Rights** Limit or expand rights for LGBTQ+ people?	**Mixed.** Opposed anti-discrimination protections for LGBTQ people. Supported recognizing same-sex marriages. Voted to ensure equal credit opportunities for LGBTQ businesses. Supported banning trans girls on girls' sports teams.
Introduced a bill to fund hiring police in their own communities, to bring trust between the community and the officers. Introduced a bill helping prevent hiring police with a misconduct history, to hold them "accountable" and "root out bad cops."	**Criminal Justice** How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Voted against addressing racial profiling and use of deadly force. Supports funding de-escalation training and mental health services for police, so they "know they have our support." Supports providing childcare to deal with a police shortage.

Row group labels (left margin): "FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET" spans the Environment and Economy rows; "FREEDOM FROM HARM" spans the Gun Laws, LGBTQ Rights, and Criminal Justice rows.

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FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY		
Increase. Would work to lower drug costs and insurance premiums. Supports the Affordable Care Act and wants to expand Medicare. In 2020 voted for California to produce its own medications, like insulin, more affordably.	**Health Care** Increase or decrease government support for health care?	**Mixed.** Says the Affordable Care Act "failed" and would ensure "health care remains in the hands of" the "doctor, not the government." Sponsored bills funding hospitals in underserved communities and asthma care.
FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY		
Mixed: Supports better securing the border and revising the asylum process. Believes in "a pathway to citizenship" for "law-abiding" people. Supported a bill making non-citizens who meet certain requirements eligible for election to a Democratic county central committee.	**Immigration** Defend the right to asylum and support a path to citizenship for DACA participants brought to the U.S. as children?	**Mixed**: Supports comprehensive reform by combatting illegal immigration and creating "a fair process" for earning citizenship. Supported bills providing paths to legal status to Dreamers and farmworkers. Voted to tighten border security.
FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY		
Mostly easier. Would "protect the right to vote for all Americans" while preventing "voter fraud." Voted to continue California's universal vote-by-mail system. Voted against allowing convicted felons to register and vote while on parole.	**Voting Rights** Make voting harder or easier?	**Harder.** Supports bolstering "election security." Sponsored a bill requiring voter photo ID and banning Washington, DC from mailing out ballots. Voted against expanding voting access.
FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES		
Easier. Is "proud to stand in solidarity with" the California Labor Federation, which endorsed him. Supported bills protecting faculty bargaining rights, giving farmworkers more ways to vote in union elections, and giving family childcare providers the right to unionize.	**Labor** Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	**Mostly harder.** Opposed expanding union organizing rights. Supported ending a rail shutdown by voting for an agreement between unions and management, but opposed a related bill giving railroad workers seven sick days.
Yes, but unclear how much. Calls $7.25 "low." In 2013 voted to gradually raise CA's minimum wage to $10 per hour by 2016. Did not vote on a 2016 bill to raise it steadily to $15 in 2022.	**Minimum Wage** Raise federal minimum from $7.25/hour?	**No position found.**
Support. Voted to increase awareness of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program for community college faculty. Supported an effort to increase the number of Californians accessing loan forgiveness programs.	**Student Financial Aid** Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	**No.** Voted to repeal Biden's student debt forgiveness plan. Voted to end the pandemic student loan payment pause.
No recent position found. In 2019 voted to increase tax rates for Californians making $1 million and above.	**Taxes** Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	**Lower.** Voted for the 2017 Trump tax cuts that included the largest corporate cuts in U.S. history and major tax cuts for the wealthy. Voted to rescind $45.6 billion in funding that would enforce the tax code for businesses or households making over $400,000.

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