

# U.S. HOUSE CANDIDATE COMPARISON: CALIFORNIA-41

*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-41 candidates stand on the issues.  
We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.

**To learn more and make your voting plan, head to [networkadvocates.org/be-a-voter](https://networkadvocates.org/be-a-voter).**



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**Election Day:**  
**Tuesday,**  
**November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Ken Calvert**  
**Republican**  
*Incumbent*  
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<b>FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET</b>	<p><b>Yes.</b> “Climate change is an <u>existential threat</u> that is already damaging our health, communities, and economy.” <u>Supports</u> clean energy, clean energy <u>jobs</u>, reducing dependence on <u>oil</u>, replacing <u>water</u> pipelines, and achieving <u>net-zero</u> emissions.</p>	<p><b>Environment</b> <b>Should addressing climate change be a top priority?</b></p>	<p><b>No.</b> <u>Voted against</u> the <u>Inflation Reduction Act</u>, the <u>largest climate investment</u> in U.S. history. <u>Supports</u> U.S. oil and “traditional energy sources” despite “climate alarmism.” <u>Opposes</u> a <u>carbon tax</u>. <u>Supports</u> using “carbon-free” nuclear energy.</p>
	<p><b>Increase.</b> Would <u>end</u> “price-gouging” by “corporate monopolies,” end incentives to outsource jobs overseas, and make employers contribute to workers’ 401(k)s. Would <u>institute</u> “pro-growth policies” for small businesses and <u>modernize</u> infrastructure like rail and highways.</p>	<p><b>Economy</b> <b>Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?</b></p>	<p><b>Decrease.</b> “Halt all job-killing <u>regulatory</u> proposals.” <u>Supports</u> “stopping inflationary spending.” <u>Voted against</u> a significant increase in government <u>funding for</u> infrastructure, internet, and jobs. <u>Opposed</u> funding chip <u>manufacturing</u>.</p>
<b>FREEDOM FROM HARM</b>	<p><b>Tighten.</b> <u>Respects</u> the Second Amendment. “Gun safety laws <u>don’t infringe</u> on the rights of law-abiding folks.” <u>Called to</u> “end this epidemic” of gun violence. <u>Would</u> enact “violent history checks,” keep guns away from dangerous people, and ban high-capacity magazines. Would <u>raise</u> the age to buy some guns. Supports concealed weapon <u>permits</u>.</p>	<p><b>Gun Laws</b> <b>Loosen or tighten gun regulations?</b></p>	<p><b>Loosen.</b> Supports <u>Second Amendment</u> rights and “enforcing the laws we have already.” A “<u>mental health</u> crisis” causes mass shootings. <u>Opposed removing</u> guns from people deemed to be a danger, <u>raising</u> the age for certain firearms, <u>banning</u> assault weapons, and <u>expanding</u> background checks. <u>Supported</u> creating an active-shooter <u>alert system</u>.</p>
	<p><b>Expand.</b> Would “be a <u>strong champion</u> of equality and LGBTQ rights for all Americans.” Would support <u>prohibiting</u> “discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.” Would “<u>protect</u> the right to same-sex marriage” and <u>defend</u> “trans rights.”</p>	<p><b>LGBTQ Rights</b> <b>Limit or expand rights for LGBTQ+ people?</b></p>	<p><b>Mixed.</b> <u>Supported</u> ensuring LGBTQ-owned businesses equal credit opportunities. <u>Voted to</u> federally recognize same-sex <u>marriages</u>. <u>Opposed banning</u> discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. <u>Supported blocking</u> trans girls from girls’ sports.</p>

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<b>FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY</b>	<b>Increase.</b> <u>Would "fight against"</u> any cuts to the Affordable Care Act." Supports "giving <u>Medicare</u> the power to negotiate lower drug prices," <u>letting</u> people get Medicare before age 65, capping "insulin costs at \$35 a month" and expanding "Medicaid home-based services."	<b>Health Care</b> Increase or decrease government support for health care?	<b>Mostly decrease.</b> <u>Voted to repeal</u> the Affordable Care Act: it's " <u>collapsing</u> ." Wants to give consumers " <u>more options</u> ." <u>Opposed</u> a cap on <u>insulin costs</u> . <u>Opposed</u> a bill that allows the government to <u>negotiate</u> drug prices. <u>Voted to extend coverage</u> for drug-abuse treatments and <u>telehealth</u> .
<b>FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY</b>	<b>Mixed:</b> Supports <u>investing</u> in modern technology at the border, "focusing on <u>temporary</u> work permits" to address the <u>labor shortage</u> and "payment of taxes." <u>Would seek</u> a "legal path to citizenship" for <u>DACA participants</u> .	<b>Immigration</b> Defend the right to asylum and support a path to citizenship for DACA participants brought to the U.S. as children?	<b>Mostly Opposes:</b> <u>Supports</u> "Remain-in-Mexico" policies and reinforcing the border. <u>Introduced</u> a bill to require employers to use the E-Verify system to hire only legal workers. <u>Supports</u> DACA and "a pathway to citizenship" for young people.
<b>FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY</b>	<b>Easier.</b> <u>Supports</u> bills that "protect and strengthen voting rights." Supports <u>mail-in</u> ballots and ballot drop-off boxes. <u>Supports</u> same-day voter registration and early voting. <u>Opposes restrictions on</u> "voting access."	<b>Voting Rights</b> Make voting harder or easier?	<b>Harder.</b> <u>Sponsored</u> a bill <u>requiring</u> voter photo ID. <u>Voted against expanding</u> voting access and <u>voter registration</u> . Supreme Court upholding Arizona <u>voting restriction</u> laws was a " <u>victory</u> for election integrity."
<b>FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES</b>	<b>Easier.</b> "Workers should have <u>the right</u> to join a union." <u>Would work</u> "to pass the <u>PRO (Protecting the Right to Organize) Act</u> ," <u>protecting</u> workers union organizing. <u>Would</u> "put workers first."	<b>Labor</b> Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	<b>Harder.</b> <u>Opposed</u> collective <u>bargaining rights</u> for Veterans Affairs health workers. <u>Opposed protecting</u> union organizing. <u>Sponsored</u> a bill <u>allowing</u> employees in a unionized workplace to not pay union dues.
	<b>Yes.</b> <u>Would increase</u> to " <u>\$15</u> an hour."	<b>Minimum Wage</b> Raise federal minimum from \$7.25/hour?	<b>Likely no.</b> In 2021 <u>voted against</u> a bill that included a <u>\$15/hour</u> minimum wage provision.
	<b>Yes.</b> <u>Would "expand"</u> student loan forgiveness," making "community college tuition-free," and offering "student debt relief to college graduates."	<b>Student Financial Aid</b> Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	<b>No.</b> <u>Opposes</u> forgiving student loans. Biden's forgiveness plan was " <u>unfair and inflationary</u> ." <u>Voted to block</u> student debt relief. <u>Voted to block</u> income-based loan <u>repayment</u> plan.
	<b>Raise.</b> <u>Would reform</u> "our tax structure to ensure that the wealthiest individuals and large corporations pay their fair share of taxes."	<b>Taxes</b> Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	<b>Lower.</b> <u>Voted for</u> the 2017 Trump <u>tax cuts</u> that included the largest corporate cuts in U.S. history and major tax cuts for the wealthy.