

U.S. HOUSE CANDIDATE COMPARISON: CALIFORNIA-47

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Here is where the U.S. House District CA-47 candidates stand on the issues.

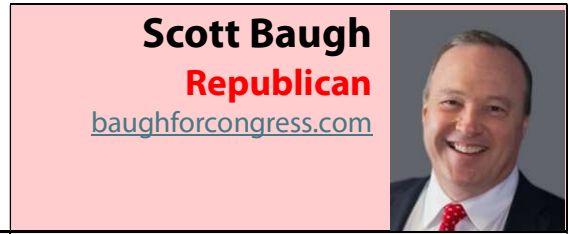
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FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET	Yes. “I cannot think of a more urgent issue to tackle than climate change.” Calls the science “clear” and urges aggressive reduction on “our reliance on fossil fuels.”	Environment Should addressing climate change be a top priority?	Mostly no. Calls for “narrowly tailored” solutions like “carbon capture,” “unshackled by overly burdensome regulations,” to address climate change. Opposes “sweeping and costly government mandates.”
	Mixed. Worked “to bolster ... federal affordable housing funding” and authored small business COVID relief grants. Worked to “reduce the regulatory burden” on small businesses.	Economy Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Decrease. Opposes “government jumping into every single issue trying to solve every single problem that America faces.” Will “fight to cut government spending” and reduce “regulations that stifle economic growth.”
FREEDOM FROM HARM	Tighten. Authored a bill banning gun shows at the Orange County Fair and a bill to end gun sales on all state property. Supports renewing the assault weapons ban, expanding background checks, and red flag laws. Would expand the liability of gun manufacturers.	Gun Laws Loosen or tighten gun regulations?	Mostly loosen. Opposes gun control efforts: “You’re not going to solve the gun violence issue by taking away constitutional rights of law-abiding Americans.” Supports “red flag laws” that allow courts to remove guns from people who pose a threat.
	Expand. “ I stood up for the LGBTQ community very loudly and proudly.” Has spoken out against “ anti-LGBTQ+ hate .” “I’m proud of endorsement by Equality CA,” an LGBTQ rights group.	LGBTQ Rights Limit or expand rights for LGBTQ+ people?	Limit. Would vote against same-sex marriage. “Fundamentally I believe marriage is between a man and a woman.” Regarding trans athletes participating in women’s sports, would protect the “integrity” of women’s sports.
	Calls for “fair and racially neutral policing” balanced with efforts “to keep our streets, our homes, and our workplaces safe from crime.” Authored a bill to improve safety on public transit.	Criminal Justice How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	“We must address the needs of victims and their families rather than cater to the left’s woke philosophy of putting criminals first.”



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FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY	Increase. In 2018, called health care a “human right” and opposed Affordable Care Act repeal. Pledged to work toward “universal coverage,” make prescription drugs more affordable, and “oppose efforts to cut Medicare and Medicaid.”	Health Care Increase or decrease government support for health care?	Decrease. In 2017, supported replacing the Affordable Care Act with “a true market-based solution” without a role for “government mandates.”
FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY	Mixed: Supports “robust enforcement of our immigration laws, coupled with strong guardrails to mitigate abusive behavior or counterproductive policies.” “Comprehensive immigration reform ” is “long overdue.”	Immigration Defend the right to asylum and support a path to citizenship for DACA participants brought to the U.S. as children?	Opposes: “I believe in tall fences and wide gates.” Would deny entry “to those who wish to cross the border illegally,” and “allow more immigration with work visas where identified jobs can be filled.”
FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY	Easier. Sponsored a bill to prevent local governments from imposing voter ID requirements in local elections. Such requirements “undermine trust in our elections while obstructing participation from lower propensity voters.”	Voting Rights Make voting harder or easier?	No position found.
FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES	Easier. Voted for a bill that would give unionized public employees the right to sympathy strike with other public employee unions.	Labor Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	No recent position found. In 2010 called for Republicans to stop taking donations from public unions.
	Unclear. Voted to raise the minimum wage for California health care workers to \$25 an hour, despite “deep concerns” about the bill.	Minimum Wage Raise federal minimum from \$7.25/hour?	No position found.
	Likely yes. Sponsored a bill that would exclude canceled student loans from taxable income.	Student Financial Aid Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	No. Opposes canceling student debt. Says forgiving student loans punishes those who don’t have them.
	Raise. GOP promises that large tax cuts for the wealthy will “lead to trickle down growth” are “ snake oil .” Tax cuts for the wealthy have “hollowed out” the middle class and “created chronic structural deficits.”	Taxes Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Lower. “We do not have a revenue problem in our federal government. Congress has a spending problem.” Calls for a constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget.

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