

U.S. HOUSE CANDIDATE COMPARISON: CALIFORNIA-13

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-13 candidates stand on the issues.

We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.

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Adam Gray
Democrat
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Election Day:
Tuesday,
November 5th

John Duarte
Republican
Incumbent
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FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET	<p>Yes. “Investing in our future is how we solve climate change.” Supports renewable energy and carbon capture. Would have voted for the climate provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act. Supported funding carbon-negative bioenergy projects. Voted to extend life of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. Opposed setting aggressive greenhouse gas emission cut targets.</p>	<p>Environment Should addressing climate change be a top priority?</p>	<p>Mostly no. Opposed tightening vehicle emissions standards. Voted to prevent funding Biden executive orders regarding climate change. Will “drill American oil;” supports “American energy independence.” Opposes a carbon tax. Sponsored a bill funding “climate-smart” manure management.</p>
	<p>Increase. “I support public infrastructure.... This country, in some of its most prosperous and successful decades, was because of our investment in public infrastructure.” Voted for an energy project bill providing job training and investments in public infrastructure. Voted to create a regional economic program to promote new business and job creation.</p>	<p>Economy Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?</p>	<p>Decrease. Supports “reducing unnecessary regulations.” Voted to reduce federal agencies’ power establishing economic regulations. Will “vote to stop the federal binge spending that is causing inflation.” Supports suspending the federal gas tax “until we get domestic energy policy to produce affordable gas.”</p>
FREEDOM FROM HARM	<p>Mostly tighten. Voted to enhance background checks for minors buying guns. Praised a 2022 federal gun safety law. Voted to restrict ghost guns. Opposed a bill strengthening limits on concealed weapons.</p>	<p>Gun Laws Loosen or tighten gun regulations?</p>	<p>Mixed. Opposes a federal assault weapons ban: “You can’t correlate access to firearms with gun death.” “We need to look at background checks and...mental health,” as well as age restrictions.</p>
	<p>Expand. Voted to protect the privacy of people receiving gender-affirming care and voted to require trans-inclusive healthcare training. In 2017, voted to make “nonbinary” an officially legal gender in California. Lists endorsement by Equality California, an LGBTQ rights group.</p>	<p>LGBTQ Rights Limit or expand rights for LGBTQ+ people?</p>	<p>Mixed. Voted to ban transgender women from women’s sports at schools. Opposed an amendment denying provisions to service members for transgender surgeries. Sponsored a bill to reverse dishonorable military discharges that were based on sexual orientation.</p>

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FREEDOM FROM HARM	Voted to expand investigations into—and accountability for—police misconduct. Voted to prevent local departments from hiring officers with a history of serious misconduct. But opposed allowing state officials to permanently ban officers who have abused their powers.	Criminal Justice How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Voted to repeal Wash. DC police reforms such as limits on deadly force and required training on de-escalation. “I’ll fight against the ‘Defund the Police’ crowd.” Sponsored a bipartisan program supporting police safety and wellness, and creating public support for police.
FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY	Increase. Supports “additional premium assistance to bring down costs” and allowing “the federal government to negotiate drug prices in bulk.” Voted to expand Medi-Cal eligibility to low-income adults 50 or older, regardless of immigration status.	Health Care Increase or decrease government support for health care?	Mixed. Would base health care on “free-market planning and budgeting,” with “ Health Savings Accounts .” Supports “honoring our Medicare commitments.” Voted to permanently extend required Medicaid coverage on medication for substance use patients. Supported reauthorizing grants to state medical services for children.
FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY	Mixed: Calls for “ a secure border .” “Go after the criminals and leave law-abiding immigrants alone.” “I will fight to protect DREAMers by reauthorizing and expanding DACA .” Calls for “ more border patrol agents to go after human trafficking rings and cracking down on the cartels running drugs like fentanyl into our country.”	Immigration Defend the right to asylum and support a path to citizenship for DACA participants brought to the U.S. as children?	Mixed: Supports “a secure border” and improved technology for border security. Sponsored bills providing long-term residency and paths to legal status. Opposed a bill resuming the building of a border wall . Sponsored a bill to increase the immigrant agricultural labor force with a path to legal status and E-Verify. “We need a DACA fix right now.”
FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY	Easier. Voted to make mail-in ballots a permanent California law.	Voting Rights Make voting harder or easier?	No position found. Voted to repeal a Wash. DC law that allowed noncitizens to vote in local elections.
FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES	Mostly easier. Voted to protect university faculty bargaining rights. In 2019, voted to give family childcare providers the right to unionize. Opposed a bill giving farmworkers more ways to vote in union elections.	Labor Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	No position found.
	No position found.	Minimum Wage Raise federal minimum from \$7.25/hour?	No position found.
	Supports loan forgiveness. Voted in favor of a California resolution urging the president to forgive up to \$50,000 per student loan borrower. Supported a resolution to bring better awareness and access to debt relief for California student loan borrowers.	Student Financial Aid Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	Opposes loan forgiveness. “Student loan forgiveness was a giant giveaway to an elite class of folks.” Voted to oppose extending a student loan payment pause and loan cancellation program. Supports helping “the students and graduates refinance their loans at lower interest.”
	Raise. “Reducing the debt means closing loopholes, forcing billionaires and large corporations to pay their fair share .” In 2019, voted to reduce business tax write-offs in order to expand tax credits for low-income workers.	Taxes Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Lower. Sponsored a bill making permanent the 2017 Republican-approved tax cuts, which lowered capital gains and corporate tax rates; some cuts expire in 2025. Voted to rescind \$45.6 billion from the IRS , funds meant to enforce tax codes for \$400,000+ earners.