

CARA CANDIDATES FORUM

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Roza Calderon (D)

- Supports preserving SS and updating COLA formula
- Supports increasing the SS cap from \$129,000 to \$400,000
- Supports expanding Medicare coverage for all and funding nursing home care
- Supports Bernie's Single Payer system; taxes would fund the additional 30% cost of single payer
- Supports opening negotiations on drug prices
- Supports examining the effects of longer life expectancy on SS, Medicare, and Medicaid
- Supports strengthening Social Security Disability
- Three most important issues for seniors: affordable housing, access to health care and access to affordable prescription drugs
- Does not support privatizing the veterans health care system
- Supports ACA funding IHHS
- Strengthen VA don't privatize it
- Stop doctors from profiting from pharma kickbacks; the average "kickback" is \$3,000 annually

Mitchell White (R)

- Believes Social Security Trust Fund is broke
- Supports privatizing all health care as well as SS for those under fifty
- Until SS is privatized, supports eliminating the cap on income
- Supports allowing people to take money out of those privatized plans whenever they want to use however they please

- Supports privatizing Social Security Disability
- Supports legislation to allow Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices
- Stop big pharma from giving honoraria to doctors
- Three most important issues for seniors: prescription drug costs, health care, and missed the third
- Does not support ACA funds for IHHS; prefers separate funding for IHHS

Jessica Morse (D)

- Seniors are entitled to depend on the fund they have contributed to their whole lives
- Three most important issues for seniors: Protect Social Security, expand and protect Medicare, ensure that seniors can age in place with dignity
- Need to address the Social Security Fund as regards the growing senior population which places additional monetary demands on the SS system
- Supports removing the cap on SS income and making all income subject to the 6% SS tax
- Should calculate COLA on a state basis to account for the fact that living costs vary between communities
- Lift hiring freeze on SS employees
- Supports protecting Medicare and working toward Universal Health Care
- The Government should be able to negotiate affordable prescription drug prices consistent with Medicare coverage
- Better supporting infra structure for seniors to remain in place as they age: public transportation for those who no longer drive, and increased enforcement of ADA provisions
- Increase SS grant levels and eliminate the windfall exemption
- Supports ACA funds for IHHS
- Opposes privatization of the VA: supports improving access to VA services for rural clients, including expanded mental health care

- Supports the California model for healthcare; suggests phasing in *universal primary care* first, then expanding it

Regina Bateson (D)

- Medicaid must be protected as it covers 67% of nursing home costs
- increase SS grant levels and COLA formula
- COLA formula should use a senior consumer price index as the costs of living change with age
- Eliminate the cap on SS income, which would cover nearly 90% of the anticipated shortfall
- Eliminate the donut hole
- Make SSDI program more flexible and transfer funds from payroll taxes to over costs
- Supports eliminating the windfall exemption
- Supports expanding Medicare coverage and suggests eye care, dental care, and more pain relief coverage
- Expand Medicare
- Supports a Medicare public option which allows all to opt in
- Supports integrating services to realize greater efficiencies
- Three most important issues for seniors: consumer protection, affordable housing, and veteran's issues
- Opposes privatization of VA, supports strengthening it