











52nd Congressional District Voters' Guide



Scott Peters, Democrat

Brian Bilbray, Republican

 <p>Scott is endorsed by the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare because he is “well-prepared to serve the needs of seniors and will make the preservation of Social Security and Medicare a priority in office.”¹</p>	<p>Protecting Social Security and Medicare</p>	 <p>Brian Bilbray wants to privatize Social Security,² risking seniors’ retirement security on the stock market. Bilbray also voted to end Medicare’s guaranteed benefits, voted to cut Medicare 10 times,³ and voted to raise seniors’ health care costs by about \$6,400 per year.⁴</p>
 <p>Scott knows we must protect those that have sacrificed everything in service of our country. That’s why he’ll fight to make sure our veterans get the care, service and benefits they’ve earned.</p>	<p>Standing Up for Veterans</p>	 <p>Bilbray voted against long-overdue increases in veterans’ funding⁵ backed by the American Legion and VFW,⁶ voted to make it harder for veterans to obtain their benefits,⁷ and voted against increased funding for veterans’ suicide prevention and PTSD treatment.⁸</p>
 <p>On the City Council, Peters helped increase the number of experienced police officers and fire stations, leading San Diego to one of its lowest crime rates in history and improving emergency response times by as much as eight minutes, without raising taxes.</p>	<p>Improving Public Safety</p>	 <p>Bilbray voted against funding for first responder firefighters,⁹ and he’s voted numerous times against funding for police officers.¹⁰</p>
 <p>Scott supports a “No Budget, No Pay” law because Congress must be held accountable. Under Scott’s plan, if Congress doesn’t produce a budget, they won’t get paid. In Congress, he’ll get the job done — for us!</p>	<p>Changing Congress</p>	 <p>For the last 10 years, Congress hasn’t balanced the budget because of partisan gridlock.¹¹ Bilbray votes with the Tea Party leadership 90% of the time¹² and it’s led to this Congress being the least productive in the last 60 years.¹³</p>



Check the Facts: 1. Letter from NCPSSM President Max Richtman, 10/5/12; 2. North County Times, 4/1/06; 3. HCR 34, Vote #277, 4/15/11; HCR 112, Vote #151, 3/29/12; *New Republic*, 3/20/12; HR 2425, Vote #731, 10/19/95; HR 2481, Vote #812, 11/17/95; HCR 178, Vote #236, 6/12/96; HR 2015, Vote #241, 6/25/97; HR 3961, Vote #909, 11/19/09; HR 287, Vote #382, 6/1/11; HR 614, Vote #156, 4/17/12; HR 2560, Vote #606, 7/19/11; CBPP, 7/16/11; 4. Kaiser Family Foundation, 4/11; 5. HCR 99, Vote #212, 3/29/07; 6. Veterans of Foreign Wars, *Washington Weekly*, 5/25/07; American Legion Letter to Budget Chairman Spratt, 2007; 7. HR 1 Lummis Amendment 195, Vote #85, 2/17/11; 8. HR 2055, Vote #417, 6/14/11; 9. HR 1, Pascrell Amendment 223, Vote #60, 2/16/11; 10. HR 1, Weiner Amendment 125, Vote #53, 2/16/11; HR 2847, Vote #408, 6/18/09; HR 5672, Vote #341, 6/28/06; HR 728, Vote #124, 2/14/95; 11. *WhiteHouse.gov*, Summary of Receipts, Outlays and Surpluses or Deficits: 1995–2012, accessed 9/11/12; 12. *Washington Post*, U.S. Congress Votes Database, accessed 9/11/12; 13. *Washington Post*, 7/13/12. This is not an official sample ballot or voter guide from the State of California.