



## 52nd Congressional District Voters' Guide



### Scott Peters, Democrat

### Brian Bilbray, Republican



Scott has a strong record of helping create tens of thousands of jobs in San Diego and he'll fight to make college more affordable. Scott is also endorsed by the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare because he "will make the preservation of Social Security and Medicare a priority in office."<sup>1</sup>

#### Standing Up for the Middle Class



Brian Bilbray wants to privatize Social Security,<sup>3</sup> voted to cut Medicare 10 times and voted to turn Medicare into a voucher,<sup>4</sup> cutting benefits and raising costs on seniors by about \$6,400 per year.<sup>5</sup> He also voted to raise taxes on middle-class families to pay for billions in tax cuts for large corporations and Big Oil.<sup>6</sup> In fact, he received a 'zero' on a middle-class scorecard by the Campaign for America's future.<sup>7</sup>



It's our moral responsibility to do right by our veterans. Scott Peters will never turn his back on our nation's heroes—he'll fight to make sure veterans receive the care and services they've earned. Scott believes it a tragedy that this year we lost more of our nation's heroes to suicides than in combat.<sup>2</sup>

#### Standing Up for Veterans



Brian Bilbray voted to make it harder for veterans to obtain their benefits if the VA wrongly denies them,<sup>8</sup> voted against long-overdue increases in veterans' funding<sup>9</sup> that were backed by veterans' groups such as the American Legion and VFW,<sup>10</sup> and against increased funding for veterans' suicide prevention and PTS treatment.<sup>11</sup>



Scott Peters believes Congress must be held accountable to produce a budget. That's why Scott has called for a "No Budget, No Pay" law, because if Congress doesn't create a budget, they shouldn't get paid.

#### Changing Congress



Brian Bilbray entered Congress in 1995. For the last 10 years Congress hasn't balanced the budget.<sup>12</sup> Bilbray votes with the Tea Party leadership 90% of the time<sup>13</sup> and it's led to this Congress being the least productive one in the last 60 years.<sup>14</sup> Congress needs to change, and the only way to change it is to change the people we send there.

**Check the Facts:** 1. Letter from NCPSSM President Max Richmond, 10/5/12; 2. *New York Times*, 6/8/12; 3. *North County Times*, 4/1/06; 4. HCR 34, Vote #277, 4/15/11; HCR 112, Vote #151, 3/29/12; *New Republic*, 3/20/12; HR 2425, Vote #331, 10/19/95; HR 2481, Vote #812, 11/17/95; HCR 178, Vote #236, 4/12/96; HR 2015, Vote #241, 4/25/97; HR 2963, Vote #909, 11/19/09; HR 287, Vote #382, 4/1/11; HR 614, Vote #156, 4/17/12; HR 2560, Vote #606, 7/19/11; CBPP, 7/16/11; 5. *Kaiser Family Foundation*, 4/11; *New Republic*, 3/20/12; 6. *Center for American Progress*, 3/20/12; HCR 112, Vote #151, 3/29/12; Joint Economic Committee Chairman's Staff, 4/12; *Washington Post*, 3/20/12; 7. *TheMiddleClass.org*, Brian Bilbray, Accessed 10/21/12; 8. HR 1 Laminis Amendment T95, Vote #85, 2/17/11; 9. HCR 99, Vote #212, 3/29/07; 10. *Witnesses of Foreign Wars*, *Washington Weekly*, 5/25/07; *American Legion Letter to Budget Chairman Spont*, 2007; 11. HR 2055, Vote #417, 4/14/11; 12. *Whitehouse.gov*, Summary of Receipts, Outlays and Surpluses or Deficits: 1995–2012, Accessed 9/11/12; 13. *Washington Post*, U.S. Congress Votes Database, Accessed 9/11/12; 14. *Washington Post*, 7/13/12. This is not an official sample ballot or voter guide from the State of California.