

# California (CA-13) 2024

## US House of Representatives

### THE ISSUES

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<b>ABORTION</b> Ban or legal?	<b>Mostly ban.</b> Legal for <a href="#">first three months</a> , then ban. <a href="#">Opposes</a> federal-level abortion laws; “It’s a <a href="#">state</a> issue.” <a href="#">Voted against blocking</a> anti-abortion pregnancy centers from receiving funding. <a href="#">Opposed</a> a measure <a href="#">denying</a> military members payments for abortion.	<b>Legal.</b> “ <a href="#">Congress should</a> guarantee the right to access abortion and contraception nationwide.” <a href="#">Supports</a> “a woman’s right to control her own body and make her own medical decision with her doctor.” <a href="#">Voted for</a> an <a href="#">amendment</a> to the California Constitution protecting abortion rights.
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Should climate change be a top priority?	<b>Mostly no.</b> <a href="#">Opposed</a> tightening vehicle emissions <a href="#">standards</a> . <a href="#">Voted to prevent</a> funding Biden executive orders regarding climate change. <a href="#">Will</a> “drill American oil;” supports “American energy independence.” <a href="#">Opposes</a> a carbon tax. <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill funding “ <a href="#">climate-smart</a> ” manure management.	<b>Yes.</b> “ <a href="#">Investing</a> in our future is how we solve climate change.” <a href="#">Supports</a> renewable energy and carbon capture. <a href="#">Would have voted for</a> the climate provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act. <a href="#">Supported</a> funding carbon-negative <a href="#">bioenergy</a> projects. <a href="#">Voted to</a> extend life of the Diablo Canyon <a href="#">nuclear</a> power plant. <a href="#">Opposed</a> setting <a href="#">aggressive</a> greenhouse gas emission cut targets.
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b> How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	<a href="#">Voted to repeal</a> Wash. DC police reforms such as limits on deadly force and required training on de-escalation. “ <a href="#">I’ll fight against</a> the ‘Defund the Police’ crowd.” <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bipartisan <a href="#">program</a> supporting police safety and wellness, and creating public support for police.	<a href="#">Voted to</a> expand <a href="#">investigations</a> into—and accountability for—police misconduct. <a href="#">Voted to prevent</a> local departments from hiring officers with a history of serious misconduct. But <a href="#">opposed</a> allowing state officials to permanently ban officers who have abused their powers.
<b>ECONOMY</b> Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	<b>Decrease.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> “reducing unnecessary regulations.” <a href="#">Voted to reduce</a> federal agencies’ power establishing economic regulations. <a href="#">Will</a> “vote to stop the federal binge spending that is causing inflation.” <a href="#">Supports</a> suspending the federal gas tax “until we get domestic energy policy to produce affordable gas.”	<b>Increase.</b> “I <a href="#">support</a> public infrastructure.... This country, in some of its most prosperous and successful decades, was because of our investment in public infrastructure.” <a href="#">Voted for</a> an <a href="#">energy project</a> bill providing job training and investments in public infrastructure. <a href="#">Voted to</a> create a regional economic <a href="#">program</a> to bring new business and jobs.
<b>EDUCATION</b> Limit teaching about racism and gender identity?	<b>Yes.</b> “We <a href="#">need to teach</a> our students that the USA is a great country.” <a href="#">Voted to require</a> teachers to notify parents before changing a child’s gender markers. <a href="#">Voted to prohibit</a> “gender ideology” books in school libraries.	<b>No.</b> <a href="#">Voted to</a> make <a href="#">ethnic studies</a> a required class for high school graduation. <a href="#">Voted to develop</a> teacher training and resources to support LGBTQ students.
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	<b>Loosen.</b> <a href="#">Voted to limit</a> the EPA’s permitting authority under the Clean Water Act. <a href="#">Opposes</a> putting environmental policies over “human health.” <a href="#">Voted to prevent</a> the departments of Interior and Commerce from taking any action that would reduce someone’s water supply.	<b>Mostly loosen.</b> <a href="#">Opposed</a> a bill reducing water used by residents in order to flow more water to the Delta. <a href="#">Supported a bill</a> giving the state power to reform wind and solar permitting. <a href="#">Opposed strengthening regulations</a> on new and old oil wells and <a href="#">opposed cutting</a> the use of plastic packaging.
<b>GUN LAWS</b> Loosen or tighten gun regulation?	<b>Mixed.</b> <a href="#">Opposes</a> a federal assault weapons ban: “You can’t correlate access to firearms with gun death. “ <a href="#">We need to look</a> at background checks and...mental health” and age restrictions.	<b>Mostly tighten.</b> <a href="#">Voted to enhance</a> background checks for minors buying guns. <a href="#">Praised</a> a 2022 federal <a href="#">gun safety</a> law. <a href="#">Voted to restrict</a> ghost guns. <a href="#">Opposed</a> a bill strengthening limits on concealed weapons.

ISSUES	DUARTE (R)	GRAY (D)
<b>HEALTH CARE</b> Increase or decrease government support for health care?	<b>Mixed.</b> <a href="#">Would</a> base health care on “free-market planning and budgeting,” with “ <a href="#">Health Savings Accounts</a> .” <a href="#">Supports</a> “honoring our Medicare commitments.” <a href="#">Voted to</a> permanently <a href="#">extend</a> required Medicaid coverage on medication for substance use patients. <a href="#">Supported</a> reauthorizing grants to state medical services for children.	<b>Increase.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> “additional premium assistance to bring down costs” and allowing “the federal government to negotiate drug prices in bulk.” <a href="#">Voted to expand Medi-Cal eligibility</a> to low-income adults 50 or older, regardless of immigration status.
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	<a href="#">Supports</a> “a secure border” and improved <a href="#">technology</a> for border security. Sponsored bills providing <a href="#">long-term</a> residency and <a href="#">paths</a> to legal status. <a href="#">Opposed</a> a bill resuming the building of a border <a href="#">wall</a> . Sponsored a bill to <a href="#">increase</a> the immigrant agricultural labor force with a path to legal status and E-Verify. “We need a <a href="#">DACA fix</a> right now.”	Calls for “ <a href="#">a secure border</a> .” “Go after the criminals and <a href="#">leave</a> law-abiding immigrants alone.” “I will fight to protect DREAMers by reauthorizing and expanding <a href="#">DACA</a> .” Calls for “ <a href="#">more</a> border patrol agents to go after human trafficking rings and cracking down on the cartels running drugs like fentanyl into our country.”
<b>LABOR</b> Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	<b>No position found.</b>	<b>Mostly easier.</b> <a href="#">Voted to protect</a> university faculty bargaining rights. In 2019, <a href="#">voted to</a> give <a href="#">family childcare providers</a> the right to unionize. <a href="#">Opposed</a> a bill giving farmworkers more ways to vote in union elections.
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	<b>Mixed.</b> <a href="#">Voted to ban</a> transgender women from women’s sports at schools. <a href="#">Opposed</a> an <a href="#">amendment denying</a> provisions to service members for transgender surgeries. <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill to reverse dishonorable military discharges that were based on sexual orientation.	<b>Expand.</b> <a href="#">Voted to protect</a> the privacy of people receiving gender-affirming care and <a href="#">voted to require</a> trans-inclusive healthcare training. In 2017, <a href="#">voted to</a> make “ <a href="#">nonbinary</a> ” an officially legal gender in California. <a href="#">Lists</a> endorsement by Equality California, an LGBTQ rights group.
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Ban or legal?	<b>No position found.</b>	<b>Mixed.</b> <a href="#">Voted to eliminate</a> a cannabis cultivation tax. In 2019, <a href="#">opposed</a> a bill <a href="#">allowing parents</a> to administer medical cannabis at schools. In 2017, <a href="#">introduced a bill expanding</a> regulations of recreational marijuana for minors and <a href="#">voted for</a> new rules for marijuana <a href="#">businesses</a> .
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	<b>Opposes loan forgiveness.</b> “Student loan forgiveness was <a href="#">a giant giveaway</a> to an elite class of folks.” <a href="#">Voted to oppose</a> extending a student loan payment pause and loan cancellation program. Supports helping “the students and graduates <a href="#">refinance</a> their loans at lower interest.”	<b>Supports loan forgiveness.</b> <a href="#">Voted in favor</a> of a <a href="#">California resolution</a> urging the president to forgive up to \$50,000 per student loan borrower. <a href="#">Supported</a> a resolution to bring <a href="#">better awareness and access</a> to debt relief for California student loan borrowers.
<b>TAXES</b> Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	<b>Lower.</b> <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill making permanent the 2017 Republican-approved tax cuts, which lowered capital gains and corporate tax rates; some cuts expire in 2025. <a href="#">Voted to</a> rescind \$45.6 billion <a href="#">from the IRS</a> , funds meant to enforce tax codes for \$400,000+ earners.	<b>Raise.</b> “Reducing the debt means closing loopholes, forcing billionaires and large corporations to <a href="#">pay their fair share</a> .” In 2019, <a href="#">voted to</a> reduce business tax write-offs in order to <a href="#">expand</a> tax credits for the working poor.
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Make voting harder or easier?	<b>No position found.</b> Voted to <a href="#">repeal</a> a Wash. DC law that allowed noncitizens to vote in local elections.	<b>Easier.</b> <a href="#">Voted to</a> make <a href="#">mail-in ballots</a> a permanent California law.

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