### **Overview**

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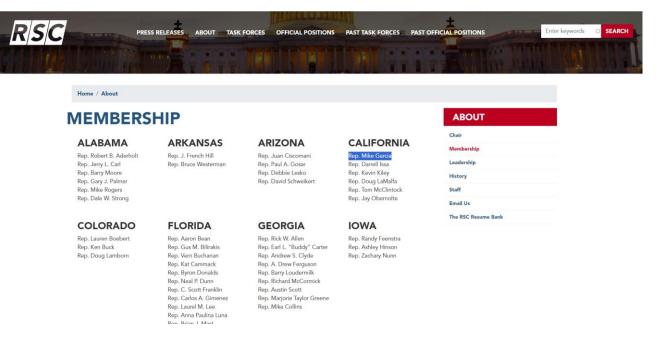
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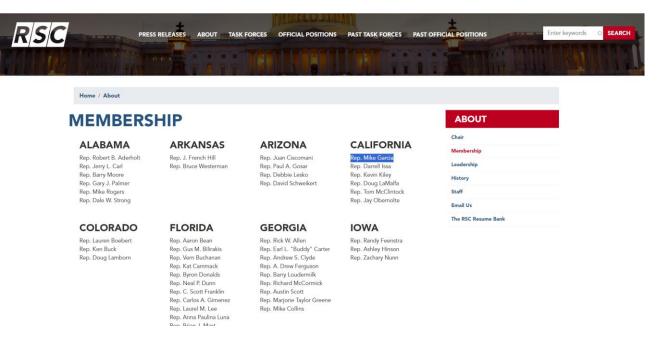
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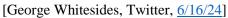
The LA Times Found Garcia's Claim That He Cosponsored The Violence Against Women Act Misleading As He Was Not A Co-Sponsor Of The Reauthorization Of The Violence Against Women Act Which Was Ultimately Signed Into Law And Remains In Effect Today. "In its first advertisement for the general election season, the campaign for Rep. Mike Garcia, a politically vulnerable Santa Clarita Republican, offers a misleading description of the congressman's role in passing the Violence Against Women Act, which provides aid for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The 30-second advertisement, titled 'Voices,' was released Tuesday. It features an unnamed female constituent who says: 'Mike co-sponsored the Violence Against Women Act to protect us against domestic violence. That's why we need Mike Garcia in Congress.' [...] He was not a co-sponsor of the amended reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act that Democratic President Biden ultimately signed into law the following year as part of a wide-ranging federal spending measure. It is that version of the act that remains in force today." [LA Times, 9/4/24]

The LA Times Also Found That Garcia Had Voted Against A Reauthorization For The Violence Against Women Act Despite Garcia Touting His Cosponsorship And Calling His Support For Reauthorization "A Big Deal." "The 30-second advertisement, titled 'Voices,' was released Tuesday. It features an unnamed female constituent who says: 'Mike co-sponsored the Violence Against Women Act to protect us against domestic violence. That's why we need Mike Garcia in Congress.' Garcia made the same co-sponsorship claim at a Santa Clarita town hall event last month, calling his support 'a big deal' because 'not very many Republicans' had sponsored reauthorization of the landmark 1994 law. But in 2021, Garcia voted against a version of the reauthorization measure that was passed by the Democratic House majority, joining conservatives who protested provisions that expanded protections for LGBTQ+ people and tightened gun access for people convicted of abusing or stalking a dating partner. Instead, Garcia co-sponsored a Republican-led stop-gap measure to renew the act for one year, minus the new provisions, that failed to move forward." [LA Times, <u>9/4/24</u>]

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Whitesides Was A Father Of Two Young Kids. "Happy Father's Day! Thankful for my dad and for the opportunity to be a dad to two great kids." [George Whitesides, Twitter,  $\frac{6}{16}$ /24]





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Whitesides Would Vote To Increase Funding For Law Enforcement And Invest In Technologies To Enhance Public Safety. "George is grateful every day for the folks who work to protect our communities. In Congress, George will vote to increase funding for local law enforcement and invest in technology to enhance public safety. By collaborating with local law enforcement agencies, community leaders, and stakeholders, we can develop tailored strategies that address the challenges facing the Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita, and the San Fernando Valley, and create safer neighborhoods for all residents. Congressman Mike Garcia has repeatedly voted to cut funding for law enforcement — George believes we must stand with and support those who keep our communities

## Message #3

safe. George supports reforming Prop. 47 and will vote for the Homelessness, Drug Addiction & Theft Reduction

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- In Congress, George will work to cut taxes for the middle class and lower the cost of living so more families can afford to live in California. And he will always fight to protect seniors' hard-earned benefits like Social Security and Medicare.
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**2009-2010: George Whitesides Served As Chief Of Staff Of NASA.** [George Whitesides, LinkedIn, accessed <u>9/30/24</u>]



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**George Whitesides Was The First CEO Of Virgin Galactic.** "The longtime chief executive of Virgin Galactic, who moved into a new position at the company last year, has left the company but will continue to be an adviser to it. Whitesides is leaving the position of Virgin Galactic's chief space officer to pursue unspecified opportunities in public service, the company announced. The publicly traded company did not make a formal announcement because Whitesides was not considered an officer of the company. [...] Whitesides joined Virgin Galactic in 2010 as chief executive after serving as chief of staff at NASA Headquarters. He had an earlier connection to the company as part of the first group of customers for its SpaceShipTwo suborbital spaceplane." [Space News, <u>3/5/21</u>]

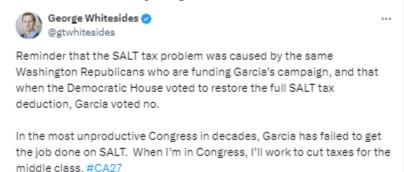
**2023:** Whitesides Created Over 700 Jobs In CA-27. "Big news today: I'm announcing my candidacy to run for Congress in California's 27th Congressional District, representing the community from Santa Clarita to the Antelope Valley. In our area, we are used to dreaming – and doing – big things. It is the cradle of aerospace innovation: over the Mojave Desert, we broke the sound barrier and sent the first private spaceship to space; at Air Force Plant 42, we have built the air and space vehicles that define American greatness. This is not the time for timid leadership. We need leaders who believe in doing big things – like creating the jobs and companies of the future from the AV to Santa Clarita - something I did as CEO of Virgin Galactic, where we created over 700 jobs in the Antelope Valley alone. We need leaders who believe that by working together, we can solve the wildfire crisis, build affordable housing, and protect Social Security and Medicare." [George Whitesides, Facebook, <u>2/22/23</u>]

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At Galactic Whitesides Created A Training Program For High Schoolers To Learn The Skills They Need. ""When we were hiring at Galactic, we created a training program for folks coming out of high school and community college to learn the skills they needed. When I think about our district, I see incredible potential – and we need a representative who is focused on delivering results back home. That's why I'm running,' Whitesides said." [Home Town Station,  $\frac{6/26/23}{2}$ ]

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Whitesides: "When I'm In Congress, I'll Work To Cut Taxes For The Middle Class." "Reminder that the SALT tax problem was caused by the same Washington Republicans who are funding Garcia's campaign, and that when the Democratic House voted to restore the full SALT tax deduction, Garcia voted no. In the most unproductive Congress in decades, Garcia has failed to get the job done on SALT. When I'm in Congress, I'll work to cut taxes for the middle class. #CA27" [George Whitesides, Twitter, 9/3/24]



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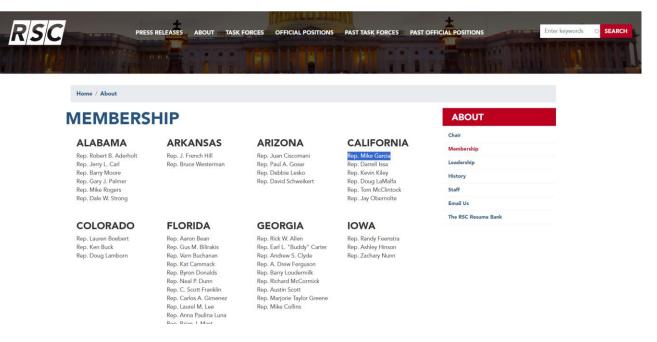
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**November 2019: Garcia Said That He Was In Favor Of Repealing The Affordable Care Act.** "Another Republican in the contest is former Navy combat pilot Mike Garcia of Santa Clarita, now an executive at Raytheon. Like Knight, Garcia opposes abortion and new restrictions on guns, and he supports repeal of the Affordable Care Act. Underwood Jacobs, a bank executive, says she'll champion fiscal restraint, border security and military strength." [LA Times, 11/16/19]

July 30, 2020: Garcia Voted Against An Amendment To Prevent The Department Of Justice From Litigating To Defund The ACA. In July, 2020, Garcia voted against an amendment to "prevent the Department of Justice from using federal funds for litigation that undermines the Affordable Care Act." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 234-181. [H.Amdt. 865 to H.R. 7617, <u>Vote #175</u>, <u>7/30/20</u>; CQ, <u>7/28/20</u>]

• **Repeal Of The ACA Would Deny Coverage To People With Pre-Existing Conditions.** "As many as 133 million Americans — roughly half the population under the age of 65 — have pre-existing medical conditions that could disqualify them from buying a health insurance policy or cause them to pay significantly higher premiums if the health law were overturned, according to a government analysis done in 2017. An existing medical condition includes such common ailments as high blood pressure or asthma, any of which could require someone buying insurance on their own to pay much more for a policy, if they could get one at all. Under the A.C.A., no one can be denied coverage under any circumstance, and insurance companies cannot retroactively cancel a policy unless they find evidence of fraud. The Kaiser Family Foundation estimated that 52 million people have conditions serious enough that insurers would outright deny them coverage if the A.C.A. were not in effect, according to an analysis it did two years ago. Its estimates are based on the guidelines insurers had in place about whom to cover before the federal law was enacted." [New York Times, 7/9/19]

Garcia Voted Against Concurring With The Senate Amendment That Passed The Inflation Reduction Act. "Garcia voted against concurring with the Senate amendment to pass the Inflation Reduction Act which "Yarmuth, D-Ky., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill comprising a package of climate, tax and health care provisions. Among drug pricing provisions, the bill would require the Health and Human Services Department to negotiate a "maximum fair price" with drug manufacturers for certain Medicare-eligible, brand-name drugs that do not have generic competition; cap cost-sharing for insulin products covered under Medicare at \$35 a month; and require single-source drug manufacturers to provide rebates to HHS for the price of drugs under Medicare Parts B and D for which price increases outpace inflation. For Medicare Part D, it would cap the annual out-of-pocket limit at \$2,000. It would extend through 2025 tax subsidies toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums for individuals under a certain income level. The bill would provide for approximately \$270 billion in new or expanded tax credits to incentivize actions by businesses and individuals to mitigate climate change, including production credits for electricity produced by renewable and nuclear facilities; investment tax credits for certain renewable energy equipment and facilities; and credits for advanced energy manufacturing projects, including in areas where a coal mine or power plant has closed. To incentivize emission reduction and clean fuel production, it would create or extend tax credits for carbon oxide sequestration facilities; biodiesel, renewable diesel and alternative fuels; and clean hydrogen facilities. For most of its corporate tax credits, it would add prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements and establish bonus credits for using domestic materials in facility construction. It would also expand individual tax credits for residential energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy expenses; increase credits for new energy efficient homes; and create credits for the purchase of used electric vehicles by individuals under a certain income level. It would reinstate the Superfund tax on crude oil at a rate of 16.4 cents per barrel. Among other tax provisions, the bill would establish a 15 percent alternative minimum tax for corporations with a book income of at least \$1 million annually and institute a 1 percent excise tax on corporate stock buybacks. It would authorize \$79.3 billion for IRS operations, including enforcement activities and systems modernization. The bill would provide funding for various activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote energy-efficient technologies and mitigate the impacts of climate change, including \$27 billion for grants to state, local and nonprofit entities for greenhouse gas emission reduction activities; \$9.7 billion for zero-emission or carbon capture rural electric systems; \$5 billion for loan guarantees to replace or reduce emissions of energy infrastructure; \$3 billion for zero-emission vehicles for the Postal Service; and \$1.6 billion for methane emissions reduction and mitigation. It would provide \$9 billion for residential energy efficiency improvement rebates; \$3 billion for new EPA environmental and climate justice block grants for community-led activities to address

pollution, emission reduction, climate resiliency and public engagement; and \$3 billion for Federal Highway Administration grants for projects that address surface transportation facilities that disconnect or negatively impact communities. It would provide \$4 billion for drought mitigation in Western states; \$2.15 billion for hazardous fuel reduction and restoration projects; and \$1 billion to improve energy and water efficiency or climate resilience of affordable housing. It would require the Interior Department to accept bids for certain canceled oil and gas leases on the outer continental shelf. It would authorize wind lease sales adjacent to U.S. territories but prohibit new wind or solar development rights on federal lands for 10 years unless the department completes certain oil or gas lease sales." [HR 5376 Vote #420, 8/12/22; CQ 8/12/22]

• The Inflation Reduction Act Capped The Cost Of Insulin To \$35 Per Month. "The Inflation Reduction Act caps out-of-pocket spending at \$35 per month's supply of each insulin product covered under Medicare. These provisions are making insulin more affordable for many people covered by Medicare." [Department of Health and Human Services, <u>8/16/23</u>]

## **Additional Resources**

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LA Times Headline: "Mike Garcia Campaign Runs Misleading Ad On The House Republican's Role In Violence Against Women Act." [LA Times, <u>9/4/24</u>]

The LA Times Found Garcia's Claim That He Cosponsored The Violence Against Women Act Misleading As He Was Not A Co-Sponsor Of The Reauthorization Of The Violence Against Women Act Which Was Ultimately Signed Into Law And Remains In Effect Today. "In its first advertisement for the general election season, the campaign for Rep. Mike Garcia, a politically vulnerable Santa Clarita Republican, offers a misleading description of the congressman's role in passing the Violence Against Women Act, which provides aid for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The 30-second advertisement, titled 'Voices,' was released Tuesday. It features an unnamed female constituent who says: 'Mike co-sponsored the Violence Against Women Act to protect us against domestic violence. That's why we need Mike Garcia in Congress.' [...] He was not a co-sponsor of the amended reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act that Democratic President Biden ultimately signed into law the following year as part of a wide-ranging federal spending measure. It is that version of the act that remains in force today." [LA Times, 9/4/24]

The LA Times Also Found That Garcia Had Voted Against A Reauthorization For The Violence Against Women Act Despite Garcia Touting His Cosponsorship And Calling His Support For Reauthorization "A Big Deal." "The 30-second advertisement, titled 'Voices,' was released Tuesday. It features an unnamed female constituent who says: 'Mike co-sponsored the Violence Against Women Act to protect us against domestic violence. That's why we need Mike Garcia in Congress.' Garcia made the same co-sponsorship claim at a Santa Clarita town hall event last month, calling his support 'a big deal' because 'not very many Republicans' had sponsored reauthorization of the landmark 1994 law. But in 2021, Garcia voted against a version of the reauthorization measure that was passed by the Democratic House majority, joining conservatives who protested provisions that expanded protections for LGBTQ+ people and tightened gun access for people convicted of abusing or stalking a dating partner. Instead, Garcia co-sponsored a Republican-led stop-gap measure to renew the act for one year, minus the new provisions, that failed to move forward." [LA Times, <u>9/4/24</u>]

#### Voters need to see that Mike Garcia supports a national abortion ban "without exception."

**February 2020: Garcia: "I Am Pro-Life Without Exception."** GARCIA: "I am pro-life without exception, unless it's threatening the life of the mother. I think that's a choice that the mother and the doctor should be able to make at that point. I think the Left have taken this abortion issue to the extreme. The fact that they support late-term abortions or support killing the baby after it survives an abortion is absolutely appalling to me. Look, I served in the military to protect and defend the lives of Americans, both here and overseas. There is no way my conscience and my morality would allow me to support the killing of unborn Americans in the womb. So, I absolutely am pro-life. I think we need to protect all American lives, not just the ones that are outside the mother's womb." [Conservative Action Group via YouTube, 0:05, 2/3/20] (VIDEO)