

# CALIFORNIA CONGRESS, DISTRICT 5

## Question 1) What are your Qualifications?

**Michael Barkley (D) – Candidate**

No response

**Tom McClintock (R) – Incumbent**

**22 years in the California Legislature, 16 years in the House of Representatives. Consistently ranked as one of the best votes in Congress by National Taxpayers Union, Citizens Against Government Waste and the National Federation of Independent Business.**



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**Question 2) What Would be your top priorities?**

**Michael Barkley (D) – Candidate**

No response

**Tom McClintock (R) – Incumbent**

I am a senior member of the House Natural Resources Committee and have focused on forest management and water and power development, including previously chairing the sub-committees on Federal Lands and Water and Power. I am a senior member of the House Budget Committee focused on reducing federal spending and waste reduction. And I serve on the House Judiciary Committee, chairing the House Immigration Sub-Committee, which produced much of what became HR 2 on border security.



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**Question 3) How do you evaluate the impact to business when making voting decisions?**

**Michael Barkley (D) – Candidate**

No response

**Tom McClintock (R) – Incumbent**

I believe in free markets, free trade, and capitalism. Any measure that brings us closer to this ideal I support, and any measure that moves us further away I oppose. I believe the entire history of human civilization can be summed up in four words: "Freedom Works" and "Socialism Sucks."



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**Question 4) What are your plans to make government more transparent, responsive, and effective?**

**Michael Barkley (D) – Candidate**

No response

**Tom McClintock (R) – Incumbent**

Restore and abide by the 1974 Budget Act that provides a clear and orderly path to balance the budget, if it were actually followed. I advocate abolishing all subsidies, grant programs, earmarks and unauthorized appropriations and have introduced reforms to accomplish this over the years.



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**Question 5) Is the organization for which you seek office operating with a balanced budget? If not, what are your plans to make the organization more sustainable?**

**Michael Barkley (D) – Candidate**

**No response**

**Tom McClintock (R) – Incumbent**

**If not, what are your plans to make the organization more sustainable?**

**Except for the \$2 ½ trillion deficit and \$35 trillion debt, yes. History is shouting this warning at us: countries that bankrupt themselves aren't around very long, and we are dangerously close to this becoming the epitaph for our nation. The good news is that the only other time we have carried such a debt (relative to GDP) was at the end of World War II. Harry Truman slashed federal spending by 2/3, fired ten million federal employees, abolished the excess profits tax and slashed federal income tax rates. These reforms produced the post-war economic boom that grew our nation out of that debt. I believe circumstances will soon force that upon us. Argentina is accomplishing this today, and has already brought its inflation down from double digits to single digits. I think we are fast approaching such a reckoning.**

