

1 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neel_Kashkari

2 Political positions

3 Kashkari has been a [Republican](#) his whole life.^{[7][68]} In a 2008 speech to the [American Enterprise](#)
4 [Institute](#), Kashkari described himself as "a [free-market](#) Republican."^{[4][8]} In 2013 he described
5 himself as a "pro-growth Republican".^[68] He opposes most of Obama's economic agenda^[68] and
6 supports cutting business regulations.^[69] He has called for cutting [Social Security](#) and
7 [Medicare](#)^{[70][71]} and replacing the [Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act](#).^[72] In 2012, he voted
8 against California's [Proposition 30](#), which raised taxes in the state, and for [Proposition 32](#), which
9 would have weakened [labor unions](#)' political influence.^[73] In a March 2014 interview, he praised
10 [Wisconsin](#) governor [Scott Walker](#)'s controversial [policies](#) limiting [collective bargaining](#).^[74]

11 On social issues, he has described himself as [libertarian](#)^[75] and "a different kind of Republican",^[69]
12 supporting [abortion rights](#), [marriage equality](#), and a path to legal status for illegal immigrants.^[69]
13 He voted against [California's Proposition 8](#), which banned same-sex marriage in 2008.^[68] In
14 2013, he was one of 131 Republicans who signed a pro-marriage equality [amicus curiae](#) brief
15 submitted to the [U.S. Supreme Court](#) as part of [Hollingsworth v. Perry](#),^[76] the case in which
16 Proposition 8 was found unconstitutional.^[77] Kashkari owns four guns but considers waiting
17 periods and background checks before purchasing a firearm to be reasonable.^[78]

18 On environmental issues, he voted against California's [Proposition 23](#), which would have
19 suspended the [state law](#) that limits greenhouse gas emissions.^[73] He believes climate change is
20 real and man-made. He has spoken positively of [fracking](#) and offshore oil drilling^[68] and
21 negatively of [California's cap-and-trade program](#).^[79]

22 Kashkari cites Paulson, [Mitch Daniels](#), and [Jeb Bush](#) as political mentors.^[48] He voted for Obama
23 in the 2008 presidential election and Romney in the [2012 election](#).^[68]

24 In March 2014, Kashkari announced a plan to create jobs in California if elected. The centerpiece is a
25 proposal to waive income taxes for 10 years for businesses that move to California or build new
26 manufacturing plants there. The plan also
27 calls for expanding fracking of oil deposits,
28 relaxing environmental regulations, and
29 increasing water storage in response to the
30 state's [ongoing drought](#). Economists and
31 political experts interviewed by the [Los](#)
32 [Angeles Times](#) were skeptical of the plan's
33 chances in the Democratic-dominated
34 [California Legislature](#) and of its potential
35 effectiveness were it to be passed.^[80]



Neel Kashkari marching in the 2014 San Diego
LGBT Pride Parade

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