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U.S. House, District 8

Incumbent Abraham Hamadeh (R) seeks reelection.



Abraham Hamadeh

REPUBLICAN · INCUMBENT

U.S. Representative since 2025.



Bernadette Greene Placentia

DEMOCRAT · CHALLENGER

Long-haul trucker and former trucking business owner; political operative.

Where the candidates stand on the issues Pope Leo XIV has raised, in their own words and votes. Bracketed numbers link to sources. We do not rate, score, or endorse candidates.

WAR & PEACE

POPE LEO XIV *Leo invited citizens of every country involved in the war with Iran to contact their leaders and members of Congress "to work for peace and to reject war and violence."* Remarks at Castel Gandolfo, Apr. 7, 2026 (Vatican News via The Good Newsroom)

ABRAHAM HAMADEH

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

Iran war powers resolutions, Mar.–Sept. 2026 (six House votes): **No** Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Sept.

No Ukraine Support Act (H.R. 2913), June 2026 — authorizes support for Ukraine

BERNADETTE GREENE PLACENTIA

Calls herself "pro-Ukraine" and says the U.S. must "reengage with our Allies to fight Chinese & Russian aggression."

[1] Ballotpedia: Bernadette Greene Placentia

AI & THE DIGNITY OF WORK

POPE LEO XIV *"No one can be reduced to productivity, to cognitive performance, or to mere data."* Magnifica Humanitas presentation, May 25, 2026

ABRAHAM HAMADEH

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

No Protect America's Workforce Act (H.R. 2550), Dec. 2025 — nullifies the executive order ending union bargaining for many federal workers

No Faster Labor Contracts Act (H.R. 5408), June 2026 — sets deadlines for reaching first union contracts

BERNADETTE GREENE PLACENTIA

Supports "expanding Unions and workers rights and increasing worker pay" and protections for owner-operator truckers; has called "uncontrolled Artificial Intelligence" a top national challenge.

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[2] Greene Placentia: Priorities

THE POOR & THE SAFETY NET

POPE LEO XIV *The preferential choice for the poor is "a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society."* Dilexi Te, Oct. 4, 2025

ABRAHAM HAMADEH

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

Yes One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), final passage July 2025 — tax cuts with Medicaid and SNAP changes

No Breaking the Gridlock Act (H.R. 1834), Jan. 2026 — extends enhanced ACA premium tax credits through 2028

BERNADETTE GREENE PLACENTIA

Pledges to protect Social Security and Medicare, expand Medicaid, "strengthen and fully fund SNAP," protect pre-existing condition coverage and gradually lower the Medicare eligibility age.

[1] Greene Placentia: Priorities
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ELECTIONS & CIVIC LIFE

POPE LEO XIV *Authentic democracy, "far from being a mere procedure," "recognizes the dignity of every person and calls each citizen to participate responsibly in the pursuit of the common good."* Message to the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, Apr. 9, 2026

ABRAHAM HAMADEH

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VOTING RECORD

Yes SAVE America Act (House amendment to S. 1383), Feb. 2026 — requires documentary proof of citizenship to register and photo ID to vote in federal elections

BERNADETTE GREENE PLACENTIA

Has named voting rights a priority (2024) and proposes congressional term limits and ten-year terms for federal judges.

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LIFE OF THE UNBORN

POPE LEO XIV *Abortion "cuts short a growing life and refuses to welcome the gift of life."* Address to the Diplomatic Corps, Jan. 9, 2026

ABRAHAM HAMADEH

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

Yes Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 21), Jan. 2025 — requires care for infants born alive after an attempted abortion

Yes Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act (H.R. 6945), Jan. 2026 — lets states use TANF funds for pregnancy centers

BERNADETTE GREENE PLACENTIA

Describes herself as "pro-choice" and has pledged to restore and defend women's reproductive rights.

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THE DEATH PENALTY

POPE LEO XIV *Someone who opposes abortion but favors the death penalty "is not really pro-life."* AP via PBS NewsHour, Sept. 30, 2025

ABRAHAM HAMADEH

No public position found.

BERNADETTE GREENE PLACENTIA

No public position found.

IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

POPE LEO XIV *"Defending human life also includes welcoming, protecting and assisting immigrants."* Letter on the 250th Anniversary of the United States, June 25, 2026

ABRAHAM HAMADEH

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VOTING RECORD

Yes Laken Riley Act (S. 5), Jan. 2025 — requires detention of undocumented immigrants charged with theft and certain crimes

Yes Secure America Act (S. 2), June 2026 — reconciliation funding for ICE and Customs and Border Protection

No Haiti TPS bill (H.R. 1689), Apr. 2026 — requires temporary protected status for Haitians

BERNADETTE GREENE PLACENTIA

Backs border security with modern technology and staffing alongside "an earned pathway to citizenship" for law-abiding immigrants — securing the border "without sacrificing humanity."

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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY & EDUCATION

POPE LEO XIV *Religious freedom is "the right of every person to worship according to conscience."* Letter on the 250th Anniversary of the United States, June 25, 2026

ABRAHAM HAMADEH

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VOTING RECORD

Yes One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), July 2025 — created a federal tax credit for donations to K–12 scholarship organizations

BERNADETTE GREENE PLACENTIA

Wants public dollars focused on public schools, community colleges and career training; has not addressed school choice or religious liberty directly.

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CARE FOR CREATION

POPE LEO XIV *"We cannot love God, whom we cannot see, while despising his creatures."* AP, Oct. 1, 2025

ABRAHAM HAMADEH

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VOTING RECORD

Yes Resolution overturning EPA approval of California vehicle-emission rules (H.J.Res. 87), Apr. 2025

Yes Homeowner Energy Freedom Act (H.R. 4758), Feb. 2026 — repeals home-electrification rebates from the 2022 climate law

BERNADETTE GREENE PLACENTIA

Supports conservation that protects water, clean air and public lands, plus "responsible energy innovation that creates American jobs."

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