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U.S. House, District 11

Open seat (Nancy Pelosi not seeking reelection); Democrats Connie Chan and Scott Wiener advanced from the June 2 top-two primary. District lines redrawn for 2026 (Proposition 50).



Connie Chan

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

San Francisco Board of Supervisors member.



Scott Wiener

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

California state senator representing San Francisco.

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)

CONNIE CHAN

No public position found.

SCOTT WIENER

Says "Israel and Palestine must co-exist side by side in peace" and criticizes foreign policy "driven by bloated defense budgets and interventionist impulses."

[1] Ballotpedia: Scott Wiener
[2] Wiener: Foreign policy

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

CONNIE CHAN

Says the wealthy and powerful "have undermined worker power" and "shipped good-paying jobs in critical industries far overseas"; endorsed by state and local labor federations.

[1] Chan: Working People's Plan
[2] Chan campaign site

SCOTT WIENER

Calls AI "the most transformative technology in human history" on his tech-policy page and pledges to "rebuild union power in America."

[1] Wiener: Tech policy
[2] Wiener: Labor policy

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

CONNIE CHAN

Pledges to "push to lower the cost of health care, education and child care" as part of an affordability agenda.

[1] Ballotpedia: Connie Chan

SCOTT WIENER

Pledges to work "to reverse Trump's cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act" and says "no one should go hungry."

[1] Wiener: Health care
[2] Wiener: Food policy

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

CONNIE CHAN

No public position found.

SCOTT WIENER

No public position found.

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

CONNIE CHAN

No public position found.

SCOTT WIENER

Says "decisions about pregnancy, abortion, and contraception belong to individuals."

[1] Wiener: Reproductive health freedom

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

CONNIE CHAN

No public position found.

SCOTT WIENER

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

CONNIE CHAN

Says she is running to "protect immigrant communities" and lists immigrant protections among her priorities; no specific ICE position stated.

[1] Chan: Working People's Plan

SCOTT WIENER

Calls for abolishing ICE, saying "we must abolish ICE and hold officials and agents accountable for lawless behavior."

[1] Wiener: Immigration
[2] Ballotpedia: Scott Wiener

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

CONNIE CHAN

No public position found.

SCOTT WIENER

No public position found.

CARE FOR CREATION

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

CONNIE CHAN

No public position found.

SCOTT WIENER

Campaign platform calls for "100% clean energy" and "taking on corporate polluters."

[1] Wiener: Climate

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