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U.S. House, District 34

Incumbent Jimmy Gomez (D) faces fellow Democrat Angela Gonzales-Torres in a top-two general election. District lines redrawn for 2026 under Proposition 50.



Jimmy Gomez

DEMOCRAT · INCUMBENT

U.S. Representative; former union organizer.



Angela Gonzales-Torres

DEMOCRAT · CHALLENGER

Reentry and housing advocate; former Highland Park Neighborhood Council president.

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)

JIMMY GOMEZ

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

Iran war powers resolutions, Mar.–Sept. 2026 (six House votes): **Yes** Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Sept.

Yes Ukraine Support Act (H.R. 2913), June 2026 — authorizes support for Ukraine

ANGELA GONZALES-TORRES

Calls for an arms embargo and ceasefire in Gaza and repeal of the 2001 AUMF so no president can go to war "in Iran or anywhere else" without Congress.

[1] Gonzales-Torres campaign: Issues

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

JIMMY GOMEZ

Original cosponsor of the PRO Act; supports raising the minimum wage and unemployment benefits for striking workers.

[1] Gomez campaign: On the Issues

VOTING RECORD

Yes Protect America's Workforce Act (H.R. 2550), Dec. 2025 — nullifies the executive order ending union bargaining for many federal workers

Yes Faster Labor Contracts Act (H.R. 5408), June 2026 — sets deadlines for reaching first union contracts

ANGELA GONZALES-TORRES

Supports a moratorium on new data centers until federal protections exist for workers and ratepayers, and the right of gig workers to unionize.

[1] Gonzales-Torres campaign: Issues

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

JIMMY GOMEZ

Original cosponsor of the Medicare for All Act; backs a fully refundable child tax credit with monthly payments.

[1] Gomez campaign: On the Issues

VOTING RECORD

No One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), final passage July 2025 — tax cuts with Medicaid and SNAP changes

Yes Breaking the Gridlock Act (H.R. 1834), Jan. 2026 — extends enhanced ACA premium tax credits through 2028

ANGELA GONZALES-TORRES

Would cosponsor Medicare for All, opposes Medicaid and SNAP cuts, and backs a federal wealth tax and guaranteed-income pilot.

[1] Gonzales-Torres campaign: Issues

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

JIMMY GOMEZ

Cosponsors the Freedom to Vote Act to expand voter registration and access.

[1] Gomez campaign: On the Issues

VOTING RECORD

No Objection to counting Arizona's 2020 electoral votes, Jan. 6, 2021 — a Yes vote supported the objection (failed, 121–303)

No Objection to counting Pennsylvania's 2020 electoral votes, Jan. 7, 2021 — a Yes vote supported the objection (failed, 138–282)

Yes For the People Act (H.R. 1), Mar. 2021 — automatic and same-day voter registration, expanded mail and early voting, campaign-finance and ethics rules

Yes Presidential Election Reform Act (H.R. 8873), Sept. 2022 — says the vice president's role in counting electoral votes is ministerial and raises the threshold for objections

No 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

ANGELA GONZALES-TORRES

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

JIMMY GOMEZ

Calls abortion "a fundamental right" and cosponsored the Women's Health Protection Act to codify Roe v. Wade.

[1] Gomez campaign: On the Issues

VOTING RECORD

No Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 21), Jan. 2025 — requires care for infants born alive after an attempted abortion

No Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act (H.R. 6945), Jan. 2026 — lets states use TANF funds for pregnancy centers

ANGELA GONZALES-TORRES

No public position found.

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

JIMMY GOMEZ

No public position found.

ANGELA GONZALES-TORRES

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

JIMMY GOMEZ

Cosponsors pathway-to-citizenship bills and the Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act, and opposes ICE use of private detention centers.

[1] Gomez campaign: On the Issues

VOTING RECORD

No Laken Riley Act (S. 5), Jan. 2025 — requires detention of undocumented immigrants charged with theft and certain crimes

No Secure America Act (S. 2), June 2026 — reconciliation funding for ICE and Customs and Border Protection

Yes Haiti TPS bill (H.R. 1689), Apr. 2026 — requires temporary protected status for Haitians

ANGELA GONZALES-TORRES

Daughter of a deportee; would abolish ICE, create a pathway to citizenship and shield schools and workplaces from enforcement.

[1] Gonzales-Torres campaign: Issues

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

JIMMY GOMEZ

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

No One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), July 2025 — created a federal tax credit for donations to K–12 scholarship organizations

ANGELA GONZALES-TORRES

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

JIMMY GOMEZ

Cosponsors the Green New Deal and backs a transition to 100 percent renewable energy.

[1] Gomez campaign: On the Issues

VOTING RECORD

No Resolution overturning EPA approval of California vehicle-emission rules (H.J.Res. 87), Apr. 2025

No Homeowner Energy Freedom Act (H.R. 4758), Feb. 2026 — repeals home-electrification rebates from the 2022 climate law

ANGELA GONZALES-TORRES

Backs a community-driven Green New Deal, a climate emergency declaration and holding Big Oil financially accountable.

[1] Gonzales-Torres campaign: Issues

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