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U.S. House, District 13

Open seat (Rep. David Scott, D, died April 22, 2026).



Jonathan Chavez

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

Retired U.S. Air Force officer (23 years) and father of four; Republican nominee for this open seat.



Jasmine Clark

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Georgia state representative (District 108) since 2019; former research scientist and college professor.

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)

JONATHAN CHAVEZ

Backs an "America First foreign policy" that rebuilds the military to ensure "peace through strength."

[1] Jonathan Chavez for Congress

JASMINE CLARK

No public position found.

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

JONATHAN CHAVEZ

Says "the government should set clear ethical guidelines and standards for AI development and deployment," with attention to workers whose jobs may be affected by automation.

[1] Ballotpedia: Jonathan Chavez

JASMINE CLARK

Supports a regulatory framework for emerging technologies such as AI and says she has "stood alongside our union brothers and sisters in Georgia."

[1] Ballotpedia: Jasmine Clark

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

JONATHAN CHAVEZ

Supports "Medicaid expansion and rural telehealth" to expand affordable care, while also calling for market-driven reforms to "repeal Obamacare's failures" with protections for pre-existing conditions.

[1] Jonathan Chavez for Congress

JASMINE CLARK

Says "our goal as a nation should be universal access to affordable healthcare."

[1] Ballotpedia: Jasmine Clark

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

JONATHAN CHAVEZ

Would require paper ballots or voter-verifiable paper audit trails for all voting machines "so that every election can be audited and recounted if necessary."

[1] Ballotpedia: Jonathan Chavez

JASMINE CLARK

Would co-sponsor the John Lewis Voting Rights Act.

[1] Ballotpedia: Jasmine Clark

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

JONATHAN CHAVEZ

No public position found.

JASMINE CLARK

Says, "In Congress, I will work to codify the right to privacy in medical decisions," in the context of abortion rights.

[1] Ballotpedia: Jasmine Clark

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

JONATHAN CHAVEZ

No public position found.

JASMINE CLARK

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

JONATHAN CHAVEZ

His campaign site calls for an "America First foreign policy" that "secures borders"; his earlier platform said Democrats "opened up our borders to an unsafe environment."

[1] Jonathan Chavez for Congress
[2] Ballotpedia: Jonathan Chavez

JASMINE CLARK

Vows "to hold the Trump administration and ICE accountable when they illegally raid our cities."

[1] Ballotpedia: Jasmine Clark

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

JONATHAN CHAVEZ

Supports school choice and expanded charter schools, and has said government should "NOT interfere in your right to choose when, where and how you pray."

[1] Jonathan Chavez for Congress
[2] Ballotpedia: Jonathan Chavez

JASMINE CLARK

Opposes "voucher scams that take money away from our public schools."

[1] Ballotpedia: Jasmine Clark

CARE FOR CREATION

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

JONATHAN CHAVEZ

Favors "balanced conservation via energy independence and innovation" that protects Georgia's natural beauty "without harming jobs."

[1] Jonathan Chavez for Congress

JASMINE CLARK

Calls for "real regulations to hold polluters who come into our communities accountable" and wants big tech companies to bear the costs of data centers.

[1] Ballotpedia: Jasmine Clark

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