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# U.S. House, District 2

Open seat (Democrat Robin Kelly ran for U.S. Senate).



## Donna Miller

**DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT**

Cook County Board commissioner (6th District) since 2018.



## Mike Noack

**REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT**

Truck driver from Bonfield, Illinois.

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)

**DONNA MILLER**

*No public position found.*

**MIKE NOACK**

*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

**DONNA MILLER**

Says the U.S. must pursue artificial intelligence to stay "ahead of the curve" and pledges to "stand with unions."

[1] Ballotpedia: Donna Miller (campaign themes)

**MIKE NOACK**

*No public position found.*

### 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

**DONNA MILLER**

Supports a Medicare for All framework and says she will expand Medicare and Medicaid and defend Social Security.

[1] Ballotpedia: Donna Miller (campaign themes)

**MIKE NOACK**

Proposes converting health insurance companies into nonprofit organizations.

[1] Ballotpedia: Mike Noack (campaign themes)

### 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

**DONNA MILLER**

Pledges to pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

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**MIKE NOACK**

*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

**DONNA MILLER**

Says her focus will be to "codify Roe v. Wade" so women can make their own health care decisions.

[1] Ballotpedia: Donna Miller (campaign themes)

**MIKE NOACK**

*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

**DONNA MILLER**

*No public position found.*

**MIKE NOACK**

*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

**DONNA MILLER**

Supports "a swift and humane path to citizenship for migrants" and due process for all.

[1] Ballotpedia: Donna Miller (campaign themes)

**MIKE NOACK**

Calls for refocusing ICE enforcement "on violent criminals who pose actual dangers" to communities.

[1] Ballotpedia: Mike Noack (campaign themes)

## 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

**DONNA MILLER**

*No public position found.*

**MIKE NOACK**

*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

**DONNA MILLER**

Supports rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement.

[1] Ballotpedia: Donna Miller (campaign themes)

**MIKE NOACK**

Backs investment in hydroelectric power and calls for "honesty" about the environmental footprint of wind and solar.

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