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U.S. House, District 6

Open seat (incumbent Cleo Fields (D) is not seeking re-election). Under Louisiana's 2026 format, all candidates appear on one Nov. 3 ballot regardless of party; a majority winner is elected outright, otherwise the top two meet on Dec. 12. District lines redrawn in May 2026 after the Supreme Court's Louisiana v. Callais ruling.



Monique Appeaning

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

Former Louisiana National Guard budget analyst who cites 25-plus years in state executive and legislative branch roles.



Chauna Banks

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Former East Baton Rouge Metro Council member (2013–2024).

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Larry Davis

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

Licensed minister and self-described middle-class worker from Denham Springs.



Rick Edmonds

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

Louisiana state senator, former state representative and former pastor.



Patrick Forbes

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Engineer who spent 20 years leading Louisiana disaster-recovery work after Katrina, Gustav and the 2016 floods.



Lindsay Garcia

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Louisiana educator and Southern University Law Center graduate.



Michael Mebruer

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

LSU-trained financial economist and former traveling medical professional; self-funding his campaign.



Blake Miguez

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

Louisiana state senator, former state representative and oil and gas business owner.



Stephen Wagley

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

Republican candidate; no published biography found.

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)

MONIQUE APPEANING
Pledges to "strengthen and modernize our military" and keep America "the strongest force in the world."
[1] Appeaning campaign site

CHAUNA BANKS
No public position found.

LARRY DAVIS
No public position found.

RICK EDMONDS
No public position found.

PATRICK FORBES
Calls the Iran war "pointless," saying it and tariffs are raising prices for gas, diesel and other goods.
[1] Ballotpedia: Patrick Forbes

LINDSAY GARCIA
No public position found.

MICHAEL MEBRUER
No public position found.

BLAKE MIGUEZ
No public position found.

STEPHEN WAGLEY
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

MONIQUE APPEANING
No public position found.

CHAUNA BANKS
No public position found.

LARRY DAVIS
Supports guardrails on government use of AI, a ban on selling Americans' data to foreign adversaries and protecting children from social media algorithms, without heavy federal regulation.
[1] Davis campaign: Policies

RICK EDMONDS
No public position found.

PATRICK FORBES
No public position found.

LINDSAY GARCIA
No public position found.

MICHAEL MEBRUER
No public position found.

BLAKE MIGUEZ
No public position found.

STEPHEN WAGLEY
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

MONIQUE APPEANING
Pledges to cut health care, grocery, gas and housing costs, end taxes on tips, overtime and Social Security, and lower prescription drug costs for seniors.

[1] Appeaning campaign site

CHAUNA BANKS
No public position found.

LARRY DAVIS
Proposes reducing pharmaceutical middlemen's power, price transparency and free-market insurance competition; does not address Medicaid or SNAP specifically.

[1] Davis campaign: Policies

RICK EDMONDS
No public position found.

PATRICK FORBES
Says the 2025 tax law "cut funding for healthcare and SNAP benefits" and harmed working families through Medicaid cuts; calls for its repeal.

[1] Ballotpedia: Patrick Forbes

LINDSAY GARCIA
Pledges to protect Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, lower prescription costs and expand housing and child care; supports raising the federal minimum wage.

[1] Garcia campaign site
[2] Ballotpedia: Lindsay Garcia

MICHAEL MEBRUER
No public position found.

BLAKE MIGUEZ
Pledges to lower costs for electricity, housing, groceries, insurance and health care so families need not choose between essentials; names no specific safety-net programs.

[1] Miguez campaign: Issues

STEPHEN WAGLEY
No public position found.

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

MONIQUE APPEANING
No public position found.

CHAUNA BANKS
No public position found.

LARRY DAVIS
Backs voter ID, voter-roll maintenance, a ban on ballot harvesting except for caregivers and military, and uniform rules for federal elections.

[1] Davis campaign: Policies

RICK EDMONDS
No public position found.

PATRICK FORBES
No public position found.

LINDSAY GARCIA
Lists support for "voting rights, civil rights, due process" among her priorities, without naming specific legislation.

[1] Garcia campaign site

MICHAEL MEBRUER
No public position found.

BLAKE MIGUEZ
Passed a state law banning private Big Tech funding of election administration; backs voter ID, proof of citizenship and passage of the SAVE America Act.

[1] Miguez campaign: Issues

STEPHEN WAGLEY
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

MONIQUE APPEANING
Campaign site describes her as "PRO-LIFE" but gives no further detail.
[1] Appeaning campaign site

CHAUNA BANKS
No public position found.

LARRY DAVIS
Says he "supports the abolition of abortion, advocating for the protection of unborn life."
[1] Ballotpedia: Larry Davis

RICK EDMONDS
Campaign pledges to "defend life, faith, and family values"; in a 2018 statement he said he supports "pro-life policies, pro-adoption policies."
[1] Edmonds campaign site
[2] Ballotpedia: Rick Edmonds

PATRICK FORBES
No public position found.

LINDSAY GARCIA
No public position found.

MICHAEL MEBRUER
No public position found.

BLAKE MIGUEZ
Says he is pro-life and would vote against taxpayer funding for abortion, protect doctors' and nurses' conscience rights and "stand with mothers who choose life."
[1] Miguez campaign: Issues

STEPHEN WAGLEY
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

MONIQUE APPEANING
No public position found.

CHAUNA BANKS
No public position found.

LARRY DAVIS
No public position found.

RICK EDMONDS
No public position found.

PATRICK FORBES
No public position found.

LINDSAY GARCIA
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MICHAEL MEBRUER
No public position found.

BLAKE MIGUEZ
No public position found.

STEPHEN WAGLEY
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

MONIQUE APPEANING
No public position found.

CHAUNA BANKS
No public position found.

LARRY DAVIS
Backs border barriers "where necessary," a crackdown on cartels, mandatory employment verification and "tightening asylum loopholes."
[1] Davis campaign: Policies

RICK EDMONDS
No public position found.

PATRICK FORBES
No public position found.

LINDSAY GARCIA
No public position found.

MICHAEL MEBRUER
No public position found.

BLAKE MIGUEZ
Wrote a Louisiana law requiring New Orleans to follow immigration law; pledges to finish the border wall, end catch-and-release, mandate E-Verify and designate cartels as terrorist organizations.
[1] Miguez campaign: Issues

STEPHEN WAGLEY
No public position found.

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

MONIQUE APPEANING
No public position found.

CHAUNA BANKS
No public position found.

LARRY DAVIS
Supports school choice, parents as primary decision makers in education and bans on federal ideology and gender mandates in schools; emphasizes "religious liberty."
[1] Davis campaign: Policies
[2] Ballotpedia: Larry Davis

RICK EDMONDS
No public position found.

PATRICK FORBES
No public position found.

LINDSAY GARCIA
No public position found.

MICHAEL MEBRUER
No public position found.

BLAKE MIGUEZ
Pledges to protect the conscience rights of doctors and nurses and says parents, not federal agencies, should be in charge of their children's education.
[1] Miguez campaign: Issues

STEPHEN WAGLEY
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

MONIQUE APPEANING

Pledges to "achieve full American energy independence" and bring back energy manufacturing jobs.

[1] Appeaning campaign site

CHAUNA BANKS

No public position found.

LARRY DAVIS

Supports more domestic drilling and refining, nuclear power and a lighter regulatory burden on energy producers.

[1] Davis campaign: Policies

RICK EDMONDS

Pledges to "strengthen Louisiana's energy industry and protect energy jobs."

[1] Edmonds campaign site

PATRICK FORBES

Says "protecting and preserving the environment is a moral and practical imperative."

[1] Ballotpedia: Patrick Forbes

LINDSAY GARCIA

Pledges "clean air and water" and "responsible energy development," and backs job creation through clean energy.

[1] Garcia campaign site
[2] Ballotpedia: Lindsay Garcia

MICHAEL MEBRUER

No public position found.

BLAKE MIGUEZ

Pledges to speed LNG export permits and Gulf leasing, pursue permitting reform and end "government handouts" that keep certain energy sources afloat.

[1] Miguez campaign: Issues

STEPHEN WAGLEY

No public position found.

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