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U.S. House, District 5

Incumbent Ilhan Omar (DFL) seeks reelection; independent DeVelle Jackson is also on the ballot.



DeVelle Jackson

INDEPENDENT · CHALLENGER

Activist with a background in construction and field engineering; former King Center volunteer docent.



John Nagel

REPUBLICAN · CHALLENGER

Retired Minnesota State Patrol lieutenant (30 years).



Ilhan Omar

DEMOCRAT · INCUMBENT

U.S. Representative since 2019; former Minnesota state representative.

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)

DEVELLE JACKSON

No public position found.

JOHN NAGEL

Puts "American interests first," including "supporting our allies, deterring our enemies"; names no specific conflict.

[1] Nagel for Congress

ILHAN OMAR

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.

No Ukraine Support Act (H.R. 2913), June 2026 — authorizes support for Ukraine

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

DEVELLE JACKSON

Says working people should share in the value they create and lists labor rights as a priority; describes a "unionist view of public service."

[1] Ballotpedia: DeVelle Jackson
[2] Jackson for Congress

JOHN NAGEL

No public position found.

ILHAN OMAR

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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

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

DEVELLE JACKSON

Lists affordable health care and housing, Social Security and Medicare among his priorities, without detailed proposals.

[1] Ballotpedia: DeVelle Jackson

JOHN NAGEL

Calls for "strong eligibility checks" and audits to prevent fraud in federal programs, and opposes broad tax increases.

[1] Ballotpedia: John Nagel
[2] Nagel for Congress

ILHAN OMAR

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

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

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

DEVELLE JACKSON

No public position found.

JOHN NAGEL

No public position found.

ILHAN OMAR

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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

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

DEVELLE JACKSON

No public position found.

JOHN NAGEL

No public position found.

ILHAN OMAR

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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

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

DEVELLE JACKSON

No public position found.

JOHN NAGEL

No public position found.

ILHAN OMAR

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

DEVELLE JACKSON

No public position found.

JOHN NAGEL

Wants the border "locked down" while supporting legal immigration with faster processing.

[1] Nagel for Congress
[2] Ballotpedia: John Nagel

ILHAN OMAR

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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

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

DEVELLE JACKSON

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JOHN NAGEL

No public position found.

ILHAN OMAR

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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

CARE FOR CREATION

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

DEVELLE JACKSON

No public position found.

JOHN NAGEL

Wants to "unleash American energy," lower energy costs and end reliance on foreign adversaries for energy.

[1] Nagel for Congress

ILHAN OMAR

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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

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