Governor

Open seat (Kevin Stitt term-limited). Rated Likely Republican by Cook Political Report; Sabato's Crystal Ball moved it from Safe to Likely Republican on Oct. 27.



Mike Mazzei

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

Financial planner; former state senator (2004–2016) and Senate Finance Committee chair.



Cyndi Munson

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

State representative from Oklahoma City (2015–2026) and former House minority leader.

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)

MIKE MAZZEI

No public position found.

CYNDI MUNSON

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

MIKE MAZZEI

Says data centers are needed but need regulations: no taxpayer funding, their own electricity supply, locally approved sites and closed-loop cooling.

[1] News 9: Where Mazzei and Munson stand on key issues

CYNDI MUNSON

Promises a first-day moratorium on new data centers and says Oklahomans should not pay for them through energy costs.

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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

MIKE MAZZEI

Opposes Medicaid expansion as unaffordable and cites a state audit of $1.6 billion in "questionable" SoonerCare spending; pledges to eliminate the state income tax.

[1] OnTheIssues: 2026 Oklahoma governor race
[2] News On 6: Drummond, Mazzei and Munson outline plans

CYNDI MUNSON

Pledges to protect voter-approved Medicaid expansion and supports a minimum wage increase and child care subsidies.

[1] News On 6: Drummond, Mazzei and Munson outline plans

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

MIKE MAZZEI

Would move school board elections to the November general election date with partisan labels.

[1] Mazzei campaign: The Plan

CYNDI MUNSON

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

MIKE MAZZEI

Says "life begins at conception" and opposes abortion in all circumstances.

[1] News 9: Where Mazzei and Munson stand on key issues
[2] News 9: Governor candidates on abortion

CYNDI MUNSON

Supports a state question to repeal Oklahoma's abortion ban and protect abortion access in the state constitution.

[1] News 9: Governor candidates on abortion
[2] Munson campaign: Priorities

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

MIKE MAZZEI

No public position found.

CYNDI MUNSON

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

MIKE MAZZEI

Calls the border "both a public safety and national security issue" and pledges to do "whatever is necessary" to support border security.

[1] OnTheIssues: 2026 Oklahoma governor race

CYNDI MUNSON

Has said bills targeting undocumented immigrants "generate fear" that affects all Oklahomans.

[1] OnTheIssues: 2026 Oklahoma governor race

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

MIKE MAZZEI

"I support school choice because parents know what's best"; pledges more parental transparency in education.

[1] OnTheIssues: 2026 Oklahoma governor race
[2] Mazzei campaign: The Plan

CYNDI MUNSON

Would repeal the state's parental choice tax-credit voucher program and has called for ending public funding for private schools.

[1] News 9: Where Mazzei and Munson stand on key issues
[2] News On 6: Drummond, Mazzei and Munson outline plans

CARE FOR CREATION

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

MIKE MAZZEI

Would end property tax breaks for green energy and data centers and bar state land sales for green energy projects; supports the Inola aluminum smelter.

[1] Mazzei campaign: The Plan
[2] News On 6: Drummond, Mazzei and Munson outline plans

CYNDI MUNSON

Supports an all-of-the-above approach including oil, gas, wind and solar; opposes the proposed Inola aluminum smelter.

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