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U.S. House, District 8

Open seat: incumbent Morgan Luttrell (R) is not seeking reelection. District lines redrawn for 2026.



Laura Jones

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Small business owner and Army mom.



Jessica Steinmann

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

Former Trump DOJ Office for Victims of Crime director; former America First Policy Institute general counsel.

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)

LAURA JONES

No public position found.

JESSICA STEINMANN

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

LAURA JONES

No public position found.

JESSICA STEINMANN

Says America must lead China in AI by cutting "burdensome regulations" and expanding energy production.

[1] Steinmann campaign site

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

LAURA JONES

Supports Medicare for All and raising the minimum wage and tying it to the cost of living.

[1] Laura Jones campaign site

JESSICA STEINMANN

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

LAURA JONES

No public position found.

JESSICA STEINMANN

Helped draft Texas's 2021 election law and led election-integrity lawsuits; pledges to back Trump's executive order on elections.

[1] Steinmann campaign site

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

LAURA JONES

No public position found.

JESSICA STEINMANN

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

LAURA JONES

No public position found.

JESSICA STEINMANN

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

LAURA JONES

No public position found.

JESSICA STEINMANN

Pledges to finish the border wall, end catch-and-release and "restore law and order" at the southern border.

[1] Steinmann campaign site

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

LAURA JONES

No public position found.

JESSICA STEINMANN

Cites representing 36 Air Force members in a religious-liberty suit over the COVID-19 vaccine mandate; pledges to defend parental rights.

[1] Steinmann campaign site

CARE FOR CREATION

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

LAURA JONES

No public position found.

JESSICA STEINMANN

Calls for ending restrictions to "unleash American energy" and make the U.S. the dominant energy producer.

[1] Steinmann campaign site

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