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U.S. House, District 12

Incumbent Craig Goldman (R) seeks reelection. District lines redrawn for 2026.



Craig Goldman

REPUBLICAN · INCUMBENT

U.S. Representative since 2025; former Texas House Energy Resources Committee chair.



Angela “Heli” Rodriguez Prilliman

DEMOCRAT · CHALLENGER

Former tech-startup worker and small business owner.

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)

CRAIG GOLDMAN

Pledges to be “a strong and unequivocal voice in support of Israel.”

[1] Goldman issues

VOTING RECORD

Iran war powers resolutions, Mar.–Sept. 2026 (six House votes): **No** Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Sept.

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

ANGELA “HELI” RODRIGUEZ PRILLIMAN

Says she would support Ukraine and that Putin “must pay reparations.”

[1] Prilliman issues

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

CRAIG GOLDMAN

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

No Protect America’s Workforce Act (H.R. 2550), Dec. 2025 — nullifies the executive order ending union bargaining for many federal workers

No Faster Labor Contracts Act (H.R. 5408), June 2026 — sets deadlines for reaching first union contracts

ANGELA “HELI” RODRIGUEZ PRILLIMAN

Calls for AI whistleblower protections and accountability for social media and AI companies.

[1] Prilliman issues

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

CRAIG GOLDMAN

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

Yes One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), final passage July 2025 — tax cuts with Medicaid and SNAP changes

No Breaking the Gridlock Act (H.R. 1834), Jan. 2026 — extends enhanced ACA premium tax credits through 2028

ANGELA “HELI” RODRIGUEZ PRILLIMAN

Supports universal healthcare not tied to employment and universal childcare.

[1] Prilliman issues

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

CRAIG GOLDMAN

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

Yes 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

ANGELA "HELI" RODRIGUEZ PRILLIMAN

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

CRAIG GOLDMAN

Campaign cites his support for the Texas Heartbeat Act and says human life "is worth protecting."

[1] Goldman issues

VOTING RECORD

Yes Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 21), Jan. 2025 — requires care for infants born alive after an attempted abortion

Yes Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act (H.R. 6945), Jan. 2026 — lets states use TANF funds for pregnancy centers

ANGELA "HELI" RODRIGUEZ PRILLIMAN

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

CRAIG GOLDMAN

No public position found.

ANGELA "HELI" RODRIGUEZ PRILLIMAN

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

CRAIG GOLDMAN

Campaign highlights his support for the Laken Riley Act and says immigration "should be reserved for those who come here legally."

[1] Goldman issues

VOTING RECORD

Yes Laken Riley Act (S. 5), Jan. 2025 — requires detention of undocumented immigrants charged with theft and certain crimes

Yes Secure America Act (S. 2), June 2026 — reconciliation funding for ICE and Customs and Border Protection

No Haiti TPS bill (H.R. 1689), Apr. 2026 — requires temporary protected status for Haitians

ANGELA "HELI" RODRIGUEZ PRILLIMAN

Criticizes what she calls "a lawless ICE backed by a lawless president."

[1] Prilliman issues

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

CRAIG GOLDMAN

Says religious liberty "must be protected," citing COVID-era church closures.

[1] Goldman issues

VOTING RECORD

Yes One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), July 2025 — created a federal tax credit for donations to K–12 scholarship organizations

ANGELA "HELI" RODRIGUEZ PRILLIMAN

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

CRAIG GOLDMAN

Opposes the ESG investing movement as a political agenda targeting the energy industry.

[1] Goldman issues

VOTING RECORD

Yes Resolution overturning EPA approval of California vehicle-emission rules (H.J.Res. 87), Apr. 2025

Yes Homeowner Energy Freedom Act (H.R. 4758), Feb. 2026 — repeals home-electrification rebates from the 2022 climate law

ANGELA "HELI" RODRIGUEZ PRILLIMAN

No public position found.

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