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U.S. House, District 19

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



Kyle Rable

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Democratic nominee from a working-class West Texas family.



Tom Sell

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

Lubbock 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)

KYLE RABLE

Would co-sponsor legislation rescinding presidential war powers "to prevent more endless wars in the Middle East."

[1] Rable campaign site

TOM SELL

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

KYLE RABLE

Supports federal regulation of AI and data centers, local-hiring rules and union manufacturing jobs.

[1] Rable issues

TOM SELL

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

KYLE RABLE

Pledges to defend Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security and cap the price of insulin.

[1] Rable campaign site

TOM SELL

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

KYLE RABLE

No public position found.

TOM SELL

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

KYLE RABLE

No public position found.

TOM SELL

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

KYLE RABLE

No public position found.

TOM SELL

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

KYLE RABLE

Would streamline and expand legal pathways to citizenship while expanding border documentation.

[1] Rable campaign site

TOM SELL

Lists "Strong Border & Immigration Control Policies" among his campaign issues.

[1] Sell 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

KYLE RABLE

No public position found.

TOM SELL

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

KYLE RABLE

Would require data centers to use closed-loop water systems and supports sustainable farming and water conservation.

[1] Rable issues

TOM SELL

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