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U.S. House, District 21

Open seat (incumbent Chip Roy (R) is not seeking re-election). District lines redrawn for 2026. Rated Solid Republican by Cook Political Report.



Kristin Hook

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Democratic nominee.



Mark Teixeira

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

Former Major League Baseball player.

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)

KRISTIN HOOK

No public position found.

MARK TEIXEIRA

Would support the military, end long-term U.S. military conflicts and put America's interests first.

[1] Ballotpedia: TX-21 2026 election

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

KRISTIN HOOK

No public position found.

MARK TEIXEIRA

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

KRISTIN HOOK

Would protect the ACA and expand Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, and raise wages while lowering housing, health care and childcare costs.

[1] Ballotpedia: TX-21 2026 election

MARK TEIXEIRA

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

KRISTIN HOOK

No public position found.

MARK TEIXEIRA

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

KRISTIN HOOK

Says she would protect civil and reproductive rights.

[1] Ballotpedia: TX-21 2026 election

MARK TEIXEIRA

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

KRISTIN HOOK

No public position found.

MARK TEIXEIRA

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

KRISTIN HOOK

No public position found.

MARK TEIXEIRA

Would secure the southern border, deport people in the country illegally and "crush the cartels."

[1] Ballotpedia: TX-21 2026 election

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

KRISTIN HOOK

No public position found.

MARK TEIXEIRA

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

KRISTIN HOOK

No public position found.

MARK TEIXEIRA

Would promote Texas oil, gas and nuclear energy to lower energy costs.

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