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U.S. House, District 30

Open seat (incumbent Jasmine Crockett (D) ran for U.S. Senate). District lines redrawn for 2026.



Frederick Haynes

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Senior pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas for more than four decades.



Everett Jackson

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

Small business owner and community organizer from Dallas.

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)

FREDERICK HAYNES

No public position found.

EVERETT JACKSON

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

FREDERICK HAYNES

Says corporations benefiting from federal contracts should meet labor, environmental and ethical standards, and that "workers deserve dignity, fair wages, and security."

[1] Haynes for Congress: Ethical Accountability
[2] Haynes for Congress: Faith, Freedom, and Justice

EVERETT JACKSON

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

FREDERICK HAYNES

Says he will fight to expand access to affordable housing, childcare, health care and paid family leave, and to tie wage growth to the real cost of living.

[1] Haynes for Congress: Economic Security

EVERETT JACKSON

Supports increasing the Child Tax Credit "to put more money back into the hands of hardworking families."

[1] Jackson for Texas: 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

FREDERICK HAYNES

Says he has partnered with local, state and national leaders to protect voting rights, and provided input on voting access to the Obama White House.

[1] Haynes for Congress: About

EVERETT JACKSON

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

FREDERICK HAYNES

No public position found.

EVERETT JACKSON

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

FREDERICK HAYNES

No public position found.

EVERETT JACKSON

Says he advocates "the death penalty for traffickers."

[1] Jackson for Texas: Issues

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

FREDERICK HAYNES

No public position found.

EVERETT JACKSON

Lists securing the border and confronting "dangerous cartels" among his national security priorities.

[1] Jackson for Texas: 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

FREDERICK HAYNES

No public position found.

EVERETT JACKSON

Pledges to ensure "people of faith are protected from discrimination" and to foster an environment where religious freedom can flourish.

[1] Jackson for Texas: Issues

CARE FOR CREATION

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

FREDERICK HAYNES

Says environmental injustice "is the result of policy choices" and pledges to expand environmental justice protections for communities harmed by polluters.

[1] Haynes for Congress: Environmental Justice
[2] Haynes for Congress: Ethical Accountability

EVERETT JACKSON

Supports policies to "unleash Texas oil production" for energy independence, jobs and lower consumer costs.

[1] Jackson for Texas: Issues

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