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U.S. House, District 10

Virginia voters approved a new congressional map in April 2026, but the state Supreme Court struck it down, so existing district lines are in use. Incumbent Suhas Subramanyam (D) seeks reelection. Independent Ahsen Malik is also on the ballot.



Dave Beckwith

REPUBLICAN · CHALLENGER

Retired 30-year U.S. Air Force officer and former Pentagon deputy assistant secretary of defense; homeschool father of three.



Suhas Subramanyam

DEMOCRAT · INCUMBENT

U.S. Representative since 2025; former state senator and White House technology policy adviser.

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)

DAVE BECKWITH

Says "peace comes through strength" and backs a fully funded military budget that keeps America's technological edge while demanding accountability from the Defense Department.

[1] Beckwith for Congress: Safety and Security

SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

Iran war powers resolutions, Mar.–Sept. 2026 (six House votes): **Yes** Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Sept.

Yes Ukraine Support Act (H.R. 2913), June 2026 — authorizes support for Ukraine

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

DAVE BECKWITH

Would champion federal investment in vocational training and apprenticeships connecting students to careers in construction, manufacturing, technology and defense.

[1] Beckwith for Congress: Education

SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

Yes Protect America's Workforce Act (H.R. 2550), Dec. 2025 — nullifies the executive order ending union bargaining for many federal workers

Yes Faster Labor Contracts Act (H.R. 5408), June 2026 — sets deadlines for reaching first union contracts

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

DAVE BECKWITH

Supports hospital and insurer price transparency, expanding Health Savings Accounts paired with low-cost catastrophic coverage, and a flat 5% federal income tax rate for earners under $200,000.

[1] Beckwith for Congress: Healthy Communities
[2] Beckwith for Congress: Economic Vitality

SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

No One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), final passage July 2025 — tax cuts with Medicaid and SNAP changes

Yes Breaking the Gridlock Act (H.R. 1834), Jan. 2026 — extends enhanced ACA premium tax credits through 2028

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

DAVE BECKWITH

No public position found.

SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

No 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

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

DAVE BECKWITH

No public position found.

SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

No Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 21), Jan. 2025 — requires care for infants born alive after an attempted abortion

No Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act (H.R. 6945), Jan. 2026 — lets states use TANF funds for pregnancy centers

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

DAVE BECKWITH

No public position found.

SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

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

DAVE BECKWITH

No public position found.

SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

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

No Secure America Act (S. 2), June 2026 — reconciliation funding for ICE and Customs and Border Protection

Yes Haiti TPS bill (H.R. 1689), Apr. 2026 — requires temporary protected status for Haitians

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

DAVE BECKWITH

Supports school choice, saying every family should be able to choose "a public school, a charter school, a private school, a vocational program, or a homeschool curriculum."

[1] Beckwith for Congress: Education

SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

No One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), July 2025 — created a federal tax credit for donations to K–12 scholarship organizations

CARE FOR CREATION

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

DAVE BECKWITH

Backs an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that ends "market-distorting subsidies," cuts regulation and makes "a bold bet on nuclear power," including faster nuclear permitting.

[1] Beckwith for Congress: American Energy

SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

No Resolution overturning EPA approval of California vehicle-emission rules (H.J.Res. 87), Apr. 2025

No Homeowner Energy Freedom Act (H.R. 4758), Feb. 2026 — repeals home-electrification rebates from the 2022 climate law

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