

COMMUNITIES OVER BILLIONAIRES:

 **Who we elect matters!**

Check your voter registration status and make your voting plan today at **VOTE.ORG**.

Your vote can make life better in your community!



Our Catholic faith directs us to put the needs of working families over the interests of billionaires and corporations. This includes electing leaders who will make our health care, housing, and groceries more affordable.

Compare your Candidates for the House of Representatives for IA-02



Lindsay James
Democrat
lindsayforiowa.com

Will your candidate work for...

Joe Mitchell
Republican
joemitchell.com



- ✓ Will work to **lower healthcare costs**, reverse cuts to the Affordable Care Act made in the Republicans' 2025 budget law, and **bring money back to rural Iowa**.
- ✓ Will work to **hold big health insurance and pharmaceutical companies accountable**.

Quality, affordable health care for all?

Catholic teaching affirms that health care is a universal right, not a privilege reserved for the wealthy. (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, #166)

- ✗ Backed the 2025 Republican budget law that **cut \$1 trillion from Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA)** to pay for tax cuts for the ultra-wealthy. As a result of the law, average monthly healthcare **premiums have skyrocketed**, around **7,968 Iowans** have lost Medicaid, and **21,058 fewer Iowans** have ACA coverage.

- ✓ Supports raising the federal minimum **wage** and **accountability for corporations** that ship jobs overseas.
- ✓ Will work to **end the reckless tariffs** which have hurt Iowa families and farmers.

Good-paying jobs with benefits and protections?

The Catholic Church affirms the dignity of work and workers, and calls for wages that let us "live a truly human life." (*Mater et Magistra*, #71)

- ✗ As IA state representative, **voted against raising the minimum wage** and workers' right to unionize, and **praised cuts to unemployment benefits** for Iowans.
- ✗ **Supports continuing tariffs on food** and essentials that raise costs for families and farmers.

- ✓ Will work to **lower costs** of groceries, gasoline, childcare, housing, and health care.
- ✓ **Condemns private equity firms buying up neighborhood homes** and mobile home parks and drastically raising rents.

Affordable food and housing for all?

Catholic teaching affirms that food and housing are universal rights, not privileges reserved for the wealthy. (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, #166)

- ✗ Voted to **let landlords discriminate against renters, including veterans and people with disabilities**, who use federal housing assistance.
- ✗ Voted to give real estate developers a tax credit that **benefitted his own companies**.
- ✗ Praised the 2025 Republican law which has **taken food assistance from 23,734 Iowans**.



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- ✓ Supports **ensuring billionaires pay their fair share in taxes** to fund services that support working families.

An economy that helps families over billionaires?

Catholic teaching calls for an economy that places people over profit and ensures that we all have what we need to thrive. (*Populorum Progressio*, #33)

- ✗ Supports the **tax giveaways to the rich** made in the 2025 Republican budget law, which **took away funding for health care and food** programs and **handed it to the wealthiest** while **increasing the federal deficit** by \$3.4 trillion.

- ✓ Calls for **meaningful immigration reform**, including creating a pathway to citizenship, safe communities, and border policies that lead to lasting security.

Safe and welcoming neighborhoods?

Catholic doctrine recognizes every person's intrinsic dignity, the right to live free of violence, and the right to migrate to seek a safe and good life for ourselves and our families. (*USCCB, Strangers No Longer*, #103)

- ✗ Supports ongoing **deportations by ICE** and harsh immigration policies.

- ✓ Calls for **greater subsidies for Iowa farmers** for runoff mitigation and regenerative farming.
- ✓ Calls for stronger action on **water safety**, accountability for big polluting corporations, and **cleaning up Iowa's waterways** to address rising cancer rates.

Affordable energy, safe drinking water, clean air?

Care for the earth is a requirement of the Catholic faith. (*Laudato Si'*, #8)

- ✗ **Critical of local communities** enacting stricter stormwater rules to require real estate developers to keep their local drinking water clean.

- ✓ **Will work to get big money out of politics**, earning the endorsement of End Citizens United, a group working to limit corporate spending in campaigns.

Our right to vote?

The Catholic faith calls each of us to participate in public life, especially through voting, to serve the common good. (*Christifidelis Laici*, #42; *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2240)

- ✗ Supports more stringent voter ID requirements that can **make it harder for eligible U.S. citizens to vote**.

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