

# **2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment**

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#### **OPEN QUESTION**

Ice melt run off leaching into ground water, lake preservation and air quality. The 30th District has an abundance of lakes and ponds. The majority unfortunately have major issues with invasive species and water quality. Community members enjoy kayaking, swimming and fishing, I would like to ensure that we could enjoy it for the future.

#### 1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

Yes

Legislation like Enviornmental Justice Bill has help decrease asthma rates and improve air quality. I support, legislation that considers all people especially marginalized communities.

#### 2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Yes

I would like to champion legislation to create new opportunities to waste management. we could use Litchfield as an example in significantly reducing their waste by adding a composting site.

#### 3) POLYSTYRENE:

Yes
It's a shame this ban isn't in place already!

## 4) PFAS:

Yes

We should definitely prioritize in identifying the impact of PFAS and the create a remediation plan.

#### 5) **NEONICOTINOIDS**:

Yes

# 6) RODENTICIDES:

yes

# 7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

Yes

## 8) BEARS:

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Bears are a hot topic in my district. Unfortunately many community members I've spoken to would like to open a bear hunting season. I would like to work with experts and find creative solutions to keep the bears alive. I would like to assist the farmers in the district with maintaining their crops.

# 9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

Yes

The 30th district community is still reeling from the trees that where killed in their back yard. We most definitely have to make sure that it doesn't happen again.

#### 10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

Yes

## 11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

Yes

#### 12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- yes
- Studies show that it yields more equity in elections and better participation.