

2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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OPEN QUESTION

Member of Legislature's Animal Rights Caucus / Multi-session work on invasive plant species / HB-5293: Prohibit use of wild and exotic animals in traveling circuses / SB-120: Prohibit chlorpyrifos on golf courses and nonagricultural use and Restrict neonicotinoids for nonagricultural use / Restricting Horseshoe Crab harvesting / Still working on justice for the killing of Bobbi #217's killing / Various legislation to stop puppy-mill sales / Multiple Animal Shelter Acts / Multiple tethering and severe weather protocol advancements / Upping penalties for animal abusers / State water plan / Aquifer protection / and much, much more.

The environment and our planet's sustainability are of critical importance. They are our legacy for the future of our children.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

Yes

Zip code must not be an allowable determinant to clean air, clean water and fresh foods.

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Yes

Reduction of waste must continue and, CT's bureaucrats need to figure out a recycling plan that does not send what consumers believe is their recyclables to landfills.

3) POLYSTYRENE:

Yes

There are good alternatives.

4) PFAS:

Yes

Have supported in the past. Will continue to do so.

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

Yes
Been working on this through multiple sessions.

6) RODENTICIDES:

yes

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

Yes
Zero carbon alternatives!

8) BEARS:

yes

Bobbi #217 was shot and killed, her cubs, orphaned and despite multiple shots fired and proximity to homes, the shooter was not charged with anything crimnal. How can that be? We will legislate clarity and humane protocols in 2023.

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

Yes

Yes, not every hazard tree shows signs of sickness. Scientific process must include a determination of hazard before old growth is taken down.

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

Yes

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

Yes

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- Uncertain
- Hard to understand. Very time consuming to tabulate. Appears as if weighting errors are possible.