

2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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OPEN QUESTION

Saving and preserving wild habitat through environmental organizations like WWF, Sierra Club, Arbor Day Society. On a local level, Save the Sound clean ups and educating students on ways to reduce, reuse and recycle.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

Uncertain

"The legislature has yet to act" So the legislature passed a "feel good law" and then never did anything about it. More false promises from those that keep delivering them. I would have to examine each on a case by case basis. A new facility could have minimal environmental impact while providing an overall positive impact on a community. A polluting facility would have to be clearly defined in the legislation and allow for exemptions.

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Yes

It is important that we do what we can to preserve the environment. Perhaps as equally important is finding ways to clean up the messes we've already made and avoid repeating past mistakes. With the advent of Amazon and the pandemic, the delivery of goods being shipped directly to homes has increased dramatically. I am often dismayed at the amount of waste in packaging in which my goods arrive. We have to do more to help reduce, reuse, recycle so I support legislation that does that.

3) POLYSTYRENE:

Yes

4) PFAS:

Yes

5) **NEONICOTINOIDS**:

Yes

6) RODENTICIDES:

yes

We have plenty of options for minimizing mice and rat populations that do not involve poison so that is one place we can protect the entire food chain by eliminating the poison at the bottom.

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

Uncertain

8) BEARS:

Uncertain

If it involves creating another state division and workforce, then no. Legislators should listen to environmental and animal welfare groups when pondering legislation and rely on their knowledge and expertise, but not create another state workforce.

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

Yes

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

No

The last thing a first time home buyer, or any buyer or seller, needs in CT is ANOTHER tax. Towns should budget accordingly and the grants should not force towns to match, they should be full grants.

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

Yes

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

No

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