



2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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OPEN QUESTION

My main focus has been to restore riverbanks, meadows, and forests through invasive plant abatement and promotion of native species. as a Keep Norwalk Beautiful and Norwalk River Watershed Association board member I organize numerous neighborhood litter pickups and tree plantings.

My top environmental priority would promoting more eco-friendly construction in our state.

The environment matters to me because we only have one planet earth that we all share and somehow not everyone can see the damage we cause as humans.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes

As a person who comes from a low-income/community of color I have witnessed first hand how the communities are treated and neglected. EJ communities need support as well.

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Uncertain

I support EPR in theory but am concerned about prices for consumers which are usually low-income. I feel I need to know more details.

3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes

Norwalk banned Polystyrene on a Municipal level and i would support at a State level.

4) PFAS:

- Yes

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

- Yes
Norwalks shell fishing industry must be protected.

6) RODENTICIDES:

- yes
Absolutely, we must protect ALL wildlife.

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

- Yes

8) BEARS:

- yes
Absolutely, I believe all life is precious. We must be humane in finding solutions, especially as human impact has created habitat loss for our local wildlife.

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

- Yes

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

- Yes
I would also urge an increase of the conveyance tax on unimproved land for both the buyer and seller in transactions that would result in commercial or residential development. This type of land transaction in particular would have the largest impact on what all initiatives are dedicated towards combatting.

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

- Yes
The Norwalk River NEEDS Riparian buffers!

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- yes
- The people need to feel the "system" is working for them. Its just sad when people show up to the polls and don't vote how they truly feel because the majority party always wins.

