



## 2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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### OPEN QUESTION

I am proud to be a part of a community that has worked toward a sustainable future. We need to continue to work across all communities to broaden our ability for all to access environmentally friendly resources and initiatives.

#### 1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes  
Work needs to be done to ensure that we are not overloading any area with a higher impact of pollution. All efforts should be made to move communities, especially those already impacted disproportionately and at-risk, toward more environmentally friendly options.

#### 2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Yes  
For the future of our state and generations to come, we need to educate and provide resources to the public to utilize products and packaging that is more environmentally friendly. If we begin at the source, we can have more of an impact on the end result thus minimizing waste production.

#### 3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes  
I would absolutely support legislation that works to reduce polystyrene pollution, especially when it relates to restaurants, caterers, and schools. There are alternative resources available to be used that would have less of a detrimental impact on our environment.

#### 4) PFAS:

- Yes  
There is no reason to continue to use PFAS in items such as furniture, carpets, and cookware and CT should follow in the footsteps of these other states to remediate and restrict them.

**5) NEONICOTINOIDS:**

- Yes

This is very important to me and I will absolutely support legislation to ban the sale and use of neonicotinoids in CT.

**6) RODENTICIDES:**

- yes

Seeing as there are other options to control pest issues, we must restrict the use of certain rodenticides in outdoor areas like parks and other public spaces. I would like to take this even further to see restriction expanded to private use, or at least a vast education to the public to avoid using such products.

**7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:**

- Yes

Establishing emission and exhaust standards for certain diesel generators used by Data Centers is one step in protecting our environmental future and I would work toward and support legislation to this issue.

**8) BEARS:**

- yes

From a young age, I have been a strong advocate and compassionate carer for animals, even inspiring me to become a vegetarian at the age of 6 despite my parents' best efforts. I will support legislation and policy, as well as advocate for humane, long term solutions to conflicts with wildlife.

**9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:**

- Yes

I would support requiring stronger science-based tree cutting protocols based on conservation values.

**10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:**

- Yes

In my community we have boards and commissions that work towards these goals and I would further support those groups to encourage/require funding for expansion.

**11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:**

- Yes

I would support requiring riparian buffers in an effort to conserve our open spaces and wetlands.

**12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:**

- yes
- I support ranked choice voting as statistics should it creates a more engaged voter turnout and it is more important now than ever to engage our citizens in the voting process.