



2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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OPEN QUESTION

I've worked the most with energy advocates as part of my position on the Energy and Technology committee. Assuming I stay on that committee, my focus there would be how we can increase renewable energy sources and be on track to reach our energy goals. We have to figure out our waste management problem—I've said it before, we need composting as part of any municipal waste solution. I'd really like to refile my bill to end styrofoam and also would like to focus on banning the sale of some invasive species plants. The environment matters to me because no planet, no people. End of our story.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Uncertain

There doesn't appear to be a question attached to this topic. Happy to discuss.

3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes

I actually filed a bill on having restaurants end using styrofoam in 2021. Sadly, it went nowhere. I'd be willing to refile.

4) PFAS:

- Yes

And based on the recent numbers coming out of EPA, we are going to have to be on top of this now that they Supreme Court is gutting the EPA. I'm hearing it on doors.

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

- Yes

Thought we were going to get this done in 22.

6) RODENTICIDES:

- yes

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

- Uncertain

Not opposed and want to learn more. I believe other states have some good pro Environ solitons and again, looking to research and learn more.

8) BEARS:

- yes
Huge challenge in my district.

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

- Yes

With the caveat that in my district we have frequent and sometimes lengthy power outages due to poor tree management—there has to be a balance so we don't have seniors and others without power when it's either freezing or we are in a heat wave, especially considering food and medication that requires refrigeration.

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

- Yes
Allow but not require is probably the key to getting it passed.

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

- Uncertain

Wasn't even familiar with these and will learn more. Sounds reasonable but we always have people who will balk at "mandate" so it needs to be done thoughtfully.

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- Uncertain
- I've seen mixed results. Not opposed per se, but currently more focused on getting early
Voting clearing its last hurdle.

