



2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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OPEN QUESTION

Protecting our environment and working to curb climate change is critical. We want our planet to survive for generations to come, but that can only happen if we work hard on environmental issues. I would like to see use continue to legislate restrictions on plastic and Styrofoam. When we passed the ban on single-use plastic bags, there was push back that we could get people to stop using plastic bags, but I think the population has made huge adjustments, and now I see people stream into Stop & Shop with their reusable bags. We can make change. I'm proud of the work we did with the Climate Roundtable to promote good jobs and worker standards in creating new solar energy projects in CT.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes

I'm glad that we have strong voices for Environmental Justice on the Environment Committee.

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Yes

3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes

4) PFAS:

- Yes

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

- Yes

6) RODENTICIDES:

- yes

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

- Yes

This is a tough issue for the CT building trades who actively support the building of Data Centers. I hope that we can bring folks together to see how we can build the Data Centers, but also set reasonable standards. Maybe working with the Climate Roundtable could help us to find common ground.

8) BEARS:

- yes

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

- Yes

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

- Yes

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

- Yes

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- Uncertain
- I'm not opposed to Ranked Choice Voting, but I feel like don't understand it well enough. I also think we need to actively work on expanding understanding of and support for early voting, since that will be on the ballot in November.