



2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House District 30th

OPEN QUESTION

As Berlin's Town Manager, I was involved with the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee and worked with fourteen other communities towards reliable and sustainable waste management. We were also successful in implementing automatic trash pick up in the Town despite large opposition.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Yes

3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes

4) PFAS:

- Yes

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

- Yes

6) RODENTICIDES:

- yes

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

- Yes

8) BEARS:

- yes

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

- Uncertain

The need to cut trees near utility lines must be considered as well in CT due to the severity of winter storms and the need to provide heat during those storms. The competing interests need to be considered and managed to satisfy all involved.

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

- Yes

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

- Yes

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- Uncertain
- As much as I would like to think Ranked Choice Voting would be a preferable method of voting here in CT, I am not sure it would be met with open arms. I am encouraged by the use of it in states like Alaska and would be very willing to explore this method.