

2012 Candidate Survey



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Are you enrolled in the Citizen's Election Fund for public campaign financing? Yes No
 Do you have a primary? Yes No
 Are you an incumbent? Yes No

- Please complete this survey by July 1, 2012. Thank you!

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

| Topic | Question | Support | Uncertain | Oppose |
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| 1. DEEP Operations (funding) <small>(Click Here for more information)</small> | Currently, all revenues collected by CT DEEP through permits, licenses, and admissions fees go to the General Fund and do not support DEEP operations. Would you support creation or re-institution of a fund within DEEP that enabled it to recoup revenues from hunting permits, special licenses, parks admissions, etc.? | X | | |
| Comments: I would support legislation which allows DEEP to recoup all or part of their revenues from permits, licensing and admissions for operational purposes, training, manpower, equipment, communications and the support of their mission. So far as while re-instituting a fund with-in DEEP would not increase the tax burden on Connecticut residents. | | | | |
| 2. Transportation and Mass Transit. <small>(Click Here for more information)</small> | Would you support policies or legislation to promote transit-oriented development that focuses growth and dense development around transit stations while respecting the unique character of each of our 169 cities and towns? | X | | |
| Comments: I support any initiative which brings jobs and commerce to our towns and cities. | | | | |

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| 3. Riverfront Protection (Click Here for more information) | Would you support a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built-up areas, agriculture and other special situations)? | X | | |
| Comments: As a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary protecting and maintaining our waterways is always one of my primary concerns. | | | | |
| 4. Pesticides Rollback (Click Here for more information) | Would you support and protect the current ban on toxic pesticides on school grounds? | X | | |
| Comments: Yes, I also support non-toxic solutions for all pest control. It is illogical to poison ourselves, and our child, to rid the area of pests. | | | | |
| 5. Pharmaceutical Disposal (Click Here for more information) | Would you support a statewide program that allows Connecticut's residents to have a safe and secure place to dispose of unused pharmaceutical drugs? | X | | |
| Comments: I think it is a fantastic idea, I believe it should be mandatory that hospitals and municipal police stations handle the collection, processing and supervised disposal of unused pharmaceutical drugs. | | | | |
| 6. GMO Labeling (Click Here for more information) | Would you support mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods, also known as GMO? | X | | |
| Comments: I believe people have a choice on what they choose to consume or not consume. That being said people also need the information to make an informed decision on what they eat, so yes I would support mandatory labeling of foods which have be either genetically engineered or genetically altered. | | | | |
| 7. Mattress Recycling (Click Here for more information) | Would you support requiring manufactures to create a system for mattress-component recycling similar to the systems for recycling electric waste and the unused paint? | X | | |
| Comments: Disposal of waste is one of our biggest environmental issues; I have to say that as long as the process itself doesn't harm the environment then yes I would support this program. I must say that I have seen playgrounds where the material on the ground is made of recycled tires, its clean and environmentally safe. | | | | |
| 8. Water Conservation (Click Here for more information) | Would you support efficient use and planning of water supplies by providing incentives for utilities to encourage water conservation through ratemaking mechanisms? | | X | |
| Comments: This seems like it could create a varying rate for the consumer, which may or may not be a good thing as some people are on very tight fixed budgets. If it lowers out of pocket to the consumer then I would consider supporting this. However in this economy I cannot in good conscious support any initiatives which increase the burden on the consumer. Therefore I would have to study the subject matter further, consult with my constituents and weigh the pro and cons before committing to either support the initiative or not. | | | | |
| 9. Toxics (children) (Click Here for more information) | Would you support legislation that creates a process that identifies chemicals of high concern to children and makes recommendations how to reduce their exposure? | X | | |
| Comments: Our children are our future; therefore I would be morally and ethically compelled to support any legislation which protects them from harm. | | | | |
| 10. Community Redevelopment and Conservation Act (CRCA) (Click Here for more information) | Would you support an optional conveyance tax for municipalities on buyers of real property to be used within the municipality for preservation and conservation of land, air, water, and energy resources? | | X | |
| Comments: I'm not sure more taxing of Connecticut residents, albeit optional or not, is a good thing in this economy. Therefore I would have to study the subject matter further, consult with my constituents, then weigh the pro and cons before committing to either support the initiative or not. | | | | |

Part 2: What environmental issue has lacked the attention in Connecticut that it deserves? As a legislator, what will you do to change that? What are the environmental priorities in your district?

Part 3: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2013 Legislative Session?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DEEP Funding | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticides Rollback | <input type="checkbox"/> Mattress Recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> CRCA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation & Mass Transit | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmaceutical Disposal | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riverfront Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> GMO labeling | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxics (children) | |

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