



## 2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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### 1) 100% Zero Carbon:

**Do you support codifying this legislation?**

- Yes

I am committed to making our state's electric grid 100% zero carbon and to promoting the development of the sustainable energy sector as a major part of our state's economy.

### 2) Environmental Justice:

**Do you support the provisions that were contained in the Environmental Justice legislation?**

- Yes

As a practicing physician, the Chair of the Housing Committee, and the Vice Chair of the Public Health Committee I know a major predictor of a person's health is their zip code. Low opportunity zones and disadvantaged neighborhoods are more likely to be impacted by various forms of pollution due to their proximity to current or historical industries and lack of investment towards remediation efforts. Disadvantaged populations who become trapped in generational poverty are far more likely to face negative health consequences such as asthma, cancer and other very serious conditions caused by chronic exposure to harmful pollutants. This is a primary reason I requested that Governor Ned Lamont declare racism a public health emergency.

### 3) Municipal Funding Option :

**Would you support legislation to allow, but not require, municipalities to establish a dedicated fund for local open space, farmland, water resources climate mitigation strategies through a limited conveyance fee on buyers of real estate?**

- Yes

As Mayor of the Town of South Windsor I was a strong advocate for municipal land stewardship. During my tenure the town permanently preserved nearly 50 Acres of farmland. As a member of the CT State Senate I have continued my advocacy for conservation and I would support legislation to enable and assist municipalities to acquire land for conservation.

**4) Bottle Bill :**

**Do you support modernizing Connecticut's bottle bill by 1) expanding the list of beverage containers accepted, 2) raising the deposit amount on covered containers, and 3) raising the handling fee paid to authorized dealers for each container they collect?**

- Yes

I support expanding the list of beverage containers accepted by the bottle return program, raising the deposit amount on each covered container, and increasing the handling fee paid to authorized dealers for each container they collect.

**5) Climate Change Education:**

**Do you support a requirement to teach climate change education in public schools?**

- Yes  
none

**6) Transfer Act:**

**Do you support switching to a release-based cleanup program that would require sufficient DEEP oversight, mandated reporting of all cleanups and other safeguards to ensure a successful program that increases the number of sites cleaned?**

- Yes  
none

**7) MDC Water:**

**Would you support legislation to require rates set by MDC to be approved by PURA (the state regulatory authority that sets rates for private water utilities)?**

- Yes

Water is a precious resource and access to it should be equitable. Large corporations should pay the same rate as the average residential user.

**8) Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS):**

**Do you support advancing legislation that would prohibit PFAS chemicals wherever possible?**

- Yes

I was proud to cosponsor both SB297 and HB5228.

**9) Chlorpyrifos:**

**Will you support legislation to ban the sale and use of Chlorpyrifos in CT (as was the intent of House Bill 301 considered earlier this year)?**

- Yes  
none

**10) No New Gas Infrastructure:**

**Will you oppose a tax on CT ratepayers to fund new gas pipelines?**

- Yes  
none

**Open Question:**

**What environmental issues have you worked on? What will be your top environmental priority for the 2021 legislative session?**

- During my time in the State Senate I cosponsored legislation that enabled dairy farms to become zero net carbon through the use of energy derived from anaerobic digestion, instructed PURA to develop standards for biogas, required DEEP to develop efficiency standards for state construction projects based on the nationally recognized model for sustainable construction codes, expanded CT's use of wind energy, to expand virtual net metering, the sale, use and transportation of fracking fluid in CT, and allowed municipalities to establish climate change and coastal resiliency reserve funds. One of my top environmental policy priorities for 2021 will be the protection of water sources from contamination by deicing salt.

**Additional Comments:**

- none