



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) 100% Zero Carbon:

Do you support codifying this legislation?

- Yes

Like any question on questionnaires like these there is a lot more that needs to be unknown about the costs and feasibility of accomplishing an ambitious but necessary goal like but overall, I am on board with moving us to a 100% zero carbo grid.

2) Environmental Justice:

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

- Yes

And I was a co-sponsor.

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?

- Uncertain

As Lori and I have discussed, I struggle with adding a new coveyance tax in a state where the cost of housing and homeownership is already high. I understand the and appreciate the intent of the proposal but just need to speak this one through oe more especially as I am one that is committed to preserving as much open space as we can.

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

5) Climate Change Education:

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

- Yes

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

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)?

- Uncertain

I fully appreciate the concerns about the niagara water deal but am unsure that having additional oversight which will result in additional costs to raterayers is the way to address issues with the MDC. I think we should look at the overall governing sturcture of the MDC to ensure that there is greater accountability to the ratepayers and that decisions reflect the environmental priorities of the raterpayers who foot the bill for the MDC.

8) Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS):

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

- Yes

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

10) No New Gas Infrastructure:

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

- Uncertain
i certainly want to say yes but the question is structured in such a way that we "could" see a decrease in the need for natural gas by 2030. Are the costs of clean sources of energy lower than gas right now? How much energy are they generating now and what are the projections over the next ten year and are they sufficient to provide us what we need to power our economy?

Open Question:

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

- My priority that environmentally related is ensure that we continue to have the capacity to allocate bonds funds to a host of enviromental priorities like clean water, clean energy initiatives in school construction, investing in mass transit and encouraging greater density in housing so we can reduce sprawl and further development of our urban core areas where we already have adequate infrastructure.

Additional Comments:

- I hope you will see my responses as being candid with where I am on these issues and not as being opposed to shared goals that we have.
Thanks