

2012 Candidate Survey



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Candidate Name: Vivian Templeton

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Are you enrolled in the Citizen's Election Fund for public campaign financing? Yes No but I will be enrolling

Do you have a primary? Yes No

Are you an incumbent? Yes No

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

Topic	Question	Support	Uncertain	Oppose
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:				
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: While I support mass transit, I would need to consider the merits of each piece of legislation for its impact on the individual communities.				

Topic	Question	Support	Uncertain	Oppose
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:				
4. Pesticides Rollback (Click Here for more information)	Would you support and protect the current ban on toxic pesticides on school grounds?	x		
Comments:				
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: It has horrified me for years that people were told to flush their meds down the toilet. I have no interest in drinking others medication!				
6. GMO Labeling (Click Here for more information)	Would you support mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods, also known as GMO?	x		
Comments:				
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: I would need to know more of the economic impact on the community. At the very least, the recycling costs should be born by the parties disposing of the mattress				
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: The way your supporting documentation reads to me, is that the company is looking for a guaranteed rate, saying that conservation doesn't pay. I would need additional information				
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:				
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: While I support paying additional tax to increase open space in a town (Southbury does), I think it should be shared by all citizens, not just the new ones.				

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

In the 69th district there are 2 issues I feels strongly about. One is the health of the Housatonic River and the local aquifers (Pomperaug River et al.) Many years of developement and dumping have fouled the waterways. While I enjoy recreational boating, I feel that there is not enough over site. I would support additional funding for groups like The Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition to protect these resources.

Open space and agricultural space are important issues here as well. To use Southbury as an example, the State has not given us any commitment as to what will happen to the land surrounding the Training School. To see this beautiful agricultural land turn into a housing development or industrial purpose would be devastating. I intend to fight to keep this land as open space.

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 checked="" 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) | |

Explain Why: This is an extremely hard question to answer. My reasoning for picking DEEP is this:
From the one source you can co-ordinate solutions to all these other concerns.

July 1, 2012

To the CT League of Conservation Voters,

First, my apologies for the late delivery of this survey. Though my name was registered as a candidate, I was at first merely a placeholder. After much consideration, I decided it was my responsibility to actually be the candidate. Change begins with me.

My resume reads like this: I have a degree in Economics from Union College, Schenectady, NY. I then worked for Merrill Lynch in Manhattan as well as a few regional offices. From there I went to work for IBM Credit Corporation as a credit analyst for commercial equipment leasing.

After I started a family, I decided to leave the work force and become a "stay at home" mom. During this time I helped my husband start his own engineering consulting firm, which now specializes in the development and construction of alternative energy generation. I became involved in our school PTOs and our Region's Advisory Council to facilitate communication between the schools, Board of Ed, and the Towns in the Regional School District.

The first graders in our local elementary school had a science unit on the hatching of chicks. As I raise chickens on our property, I became involved with the classes, providing the eggs, bringing in hens for Q&A sessions, and leaving the adult birds in the school for the children to observe. At the end of the unit I would take the chicks back to my farm to be sure they would be taken care of responsibly.

For the second grade classroom I developed an entire unit on Maple Syrup Production, letting the children tap the many maple trees that surrounded the school, giving them a description of the process and even doing a finishing demonstration for them that ended in a pancake party for the entire second grade.

I became involved in these activities because I have a strong conviction that our society has gotten too far removed from nature. Children watch it on TV but don't always get the opportunity to experience it up close. I believe the children found these activities both educational and entertaining.

In addition to raising chickens for their eggs and making organic maple syrup, we also raise grass fed Irish Dexter Cattle. My husband and I have long been concerned about the quality of foods available and its impact on health. If it is true that you are what you eat, why would you want to eat Franken food or beef that has been fed chicken manure? The long term implications frighten us.

I am now also a bookkeeper, working for a small business on the books of other small businesses in the community.

As you see from my survey, I also have a great interest in the health of our waterways. This stems from my childhood. I spend summers living on a small lake in New York St. called Peach Lake. My family had lived there for many years and when my Dad was a child the lake was clean & drinkable. As development around the lake increase, it almost became walkable. Houses were dumping their sewage directly into the lake, people would bath in it and it became crammed with weeds and foul smelling.

The locals didn't want to spend the money on this dying lake, even when the Federal Government offered to help defray the cost of sewers. It was heartbreaking. I no longer visit there, but I now enjoy the beauty of Lake Zoar and Lake Lillanoah. A lot has been done to improve the condition of this waterway, but much more needs to be done.

By the way, the sad Peach Lake story does have a happy ending. The State of New York ultimately forced the surrounding communities on the lake to install sewers and the lake is now recovering. It took the state 30 years to make this happen. Hopefully, when faced with a similar environmental issue, Connecticut will be more responsive.

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