

2014 Candidate Survey



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Are you enrolled in the Citizen's Election Fund for public campaign financing? Yes X No _____

Do you have a primary? Yes X No _____

Are you an incumbent? Yes _____ No X

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues? Please mark boxes named "Support," "Uncertain," and "Oppose" with an X.

Topic	Question	Support	Uncertain	Oppose
Parks	Would you support state park and forest revenues going to park and forest operations and maintenance rather than to the General Fund?	<u>X</u>		
Comments:	<u>The priority of these revenues should go back to pay for operations & main tenance & to upgrade services.</u>			
Transportation	CT is one of the 10 states most dependent on federal funds as a percentage of their transportation expenditures. More than half of the states and localities have moved forward on increasing their funding share. Do you favor this and how might we do it in CT?	<u>X</u>		

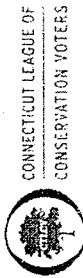
Comments:
 Support + Border tolls with revenue to be used for road repairs
 reduction in gas taxes

Property Tax Reform	CT's property tax burdens small towns, strangles cities, undermines mass transit and drives sprawl. Would you be an advocate on behalf of the environment in the tax reform debate, especially with regards to property tax?	X		
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Comments:

Topic	Question	Support	Uncertain	Oppose
Pesticides	The American Academy of Pediatrics and many other science and medical institutions have warned that pesticides (including herbicides) are harmful to human and ecological health. CT has a ban on use of lawn care pesticides on grounds of elementary and middle schools. Would you support legislation to extend this ban to high schools and public parks where children play?	X		
Comments:	would not support rollback			
Pesticides	Should towns have more authority to limit or guide pesticide applications within their borders, including roadside spraying and applications of pesticides in wetlands and surface water?	X		
Comments:				
Water Source Protection	CT normally uses decades old data for setting standards and guidance for stormwater management. Would you support requiring the state to upgrade its standards using scientifically validated, up-to-date statistics on volumes of water associated with extreme storms and annual precipitation?	X		
Comments:				
Microbeads	Many personal care products such as shampoos and toothpaste are being manufactured using tiny plastic microbeads. Once microbeads are washed down the drain, they can enter lakes, rivers, and eventually the ocean through sewage overflows or pass through sewage treatment plants. Microbeads, like other plastics, can absorb toxic chemicals. They can be mistaken for food by aquatic life and can be passed up the food chain to larger fish, wildlife, and humans. Would you support legislation to protect our waterways from this new environmental threat?	X		
Comments:	Our residents need to be educated about the risks of microbeads.			
Conservation Lands	Would you support passing a state Constitutional Amendment to better protect state conservation lands from being given away for non-conservation purposes?	X		
Comments:	and to advocate for municipalities to be proactive in preserving and acquiring open space to promote the reuse of properties rather than developing undeveloped property.			

Energy	Would you support policies or legislation to protect and expand the state's cost-effective energy efficiency programs opposing any attempts to raid the CT Energy Efficiency Fund for state budgetary needs?	X	
Comments: <i>When funds are earmarked for specific purposes, they should be used for the intended purpose.</i>			
Energy	While other states promote shared net metering and sub metering for solar, fuel cell and other distributed renewable sources, CT imposes regulatory barriers that effectively prevent development of these projects in our state. Would you support legislation that removes these barriers and enable clean renewable distributed generation to move forward?	X	
Comments: <i>Need to learn more about this subject</i>			
Toxins	Would you support legislation that requires the Department of Public Health to identify chemicals of high concern to children, manufacturer disclosure of those chemicals and a process for recommendations to reduce exposure?	X	
Comments: <i>and this legislation would not hurt manufacturers</i>			



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

Low Impact Development / Green Schools & Buildings, more funding for Brownfield remediation for use for redevelopment to get properties back on tax rolls. Easier to acquire open space. Supporting proper maintenance of catch basins, waterways, natural lands. Education on illegal pools working on regulations for public charging stations.

Part 3: What are the environmental priorities in your district? *Open Space / Conservation Land*

Part 4: If you are elected, what would be your top environmental priorities for the 2014 legislative session? *Public charging stations*

Please identify up to three and rank the three in order 1, 2, or 3:

- 3 Parks
- Transportation
- Pesticides
- Water Source Protection
- Microbeads
- 1 Conservation Lands
- Energy
- Toxins
- A Property Tax Reform

Other (please explain)

Comments:

I am currently Vice Chair of Newington Town Plan & Zoning Commission and have been a vocal proponent of open space / conservation and emphasizing Redevelopment of land rather than using undeveloped land for new development. These are concerns that we addressed in our 2020 plan of development, which I was a part of.

Worked with The Environmental Quality Commission & Conservation Commission with their Earth Day Clean Ups.

Concerned about sawing Cedar Mountain from development, and was only member of TPZ that voted against a Special Exemption for subdivision.