



2024 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) Open Question:

I have advocated for major climate bills in our state through a public health lens. With pollution and climate change posing significant risks of impacting public health through increased heat, smog and more, contributing to asthma and worsening the impacts of pre-existing conditions, this viewpoint helps hammer home the seriousness of the issue and our need to act now. I will continue emphasizing our need to address environmental issues by reducing transportation emissions, emphasizing use of electric vehicles (as a driver of one myself) and finding better ways to take care of trash disposal among other options.

2) Climate:

Will you support paying for increased investments in clean energy and our electric grid infrastructure to ensure a healthy environment that will reduce reliance on fossil fuel and nuclear energy (and ultimately reduce costs to ratepayers)?

- Yes

3) Nature-Based Solutions:

Will you support a stand-alone bill that authorizes and prioritizes the use of nature-based solutions (forests, trees, wetlands, riparian buffers, healthy organic soils, and other natural ecosystems) as the preferred alternative, where appropriate, across all agencies?

- Yes

4) Clean Cars and Trucks Emissions Standards:

Do you support Connecticut's adoption of the latest California emissions standards for cars and trucks?

- Yes

5) Environmental Rights Amendment:

Will you support an Environmental Rights Amendment to our State Constitution?

- Yes
Our state's proud history of environmental conservation must continue and this would empower us for better preservation

6) Food Waste Diversion:

Will you support designating food scraps as a "recyclable" item and requiring large-scale food generators to create plans to donate edible food?

- Yes
Food waste presents a serious opportunity especially with the use of aerobic digestors

7) Neonicotinoids:

Will you help push for legislation to ban the sale and use of neonics for non-agricultural use in Connecticut?

- Yes
This would strongly build on our banning of PFAS - if we're banning chemicals that harm us, we need to ban chemicals that harm our ecosystems

8) Rodenticides:

Will you support banning the use of certain rodenticides, with a few well-defined exceptions, to help prevent the deaths of its unintended victims?

- Yes

9) Environmental Justice:

Will you support a legislative fix to Connecticut's Environmental Justice statutes to include all polluting facilities?

- Yes
Pollution, especially in our inner cities, is a major driver of health conditions and problems - such action is vital to save and improve lives and health

10) Bears:

Will you support legislation that requires humane responses to conflicts with wildlife such as providing better support for the public seeking help, removing attractants, minimizing shooting incidents, and strengthening programs to deal with orphaned wildlife?

- Yes

Bears were here before us and behave as they are because we've encroached on their territory. Our responses to them should be humane and understanding.

11) Tree Cutting Protocols:

Will you support legislation to require stronger science-based tree cutting protocols based on conservation values?

- Yes

12) Ranked Choice Voting:

Should Connecticut pursue Ranked Choice Voting?

- Yes

CANDIDATE COMMITMENT TO WORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

If you support any or all of our top priority legislation during the 2025 session, will you add your name as a legislative co-sponsor?

- Yes

Will you plan to attend our annual Environmental Summit in January?

- Unsure

If requested, will you meet with CTLCV at least once during the legislative session to review priority legislation?

- Yes