



2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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OPEN QUESTION

Serving on both the Environment and Transportation committees I have eagerly participated in all conversations pertaining to emissions and fossil fuel reduction. I have been particularly active in the bill to bring electric auto direct sales to the state, but am equally concerned about invasive plants as well as implementing green building standards.

In addition to the work above, I made strides with local businesses during the "bottle bill" debate.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes
Part of my effort locally is to help the residents of my clean and woodsy district understand the marked contrast in air quality just a few miles south of us. I will continue to educate on the importance of being allies in issues of environmental justice.

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Yes
100% on board here.

3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes
In my first term I introduced and co-introduced bills banning polystyrene and allowing patrons to bring reusable takeout containers to restaurants. I will continue in these efforts.

4) PFAS:

- Yes
The data is clear and I am again 100% on board.

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

- Yes
We have to get out in front of this conversation and be better prepared to debunk the counter arguments. We will not fail this time!

6) RODENTICIDES:

- yes
Again, I am completely on board.

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

- Yes
I have argued and will continue to argue this very point to the Env committee and to the caucus at large.

8) BEARS:

- yes
I spoke out against allowing the killing of bears in the committee meeting and will once again do so.

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

- Yes
Additionally I would love to see a state-wide tree planting program in place. I will begin the process of trying to implement this locally when re-elected.

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

- Yes
I have had conversations with members of Ridgefield Action Committee for the Environment (RACE) and they feel that if we have a statewide opt-in it would be easier to justify this type of dedicated fund to the community. I agree.

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

- Yes

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- yes
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