



2024 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) Open Question:

I am new to this so unfortunately I can say i have not been involved in any of these efforts to date.

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

I think if the tax payers are going to fund the upfront cost then we would want to ensure they see the savings in rate reduction.

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

I feel like i Understand that question, but I also feel like I need more details. I am in support of using nature to solve problems instead of man made structures when possible.

4) Clean Cars and Trucks Emissions Standards:

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

- Yes

I would say that I would want more information, but with my surface knowledge I am in support of this plan.

5) Environmental Rights Amendment:

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

- Unsure

I like the idea, but this seems like a larger commitment, and I would want to learn more before making that commitment.

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

7) Neonicotinoids:

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

- Unsure

Ok, open and honest. I do love to golf. But I also support the bees. So I really want to learn more and find out about these chemicals.

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

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

This is a more in depth conversation, only because I happened across a bear the other day while mowing my Grandmothers lawn and the interaction was fine, but it is kind of scary. So I understand the emotions can cloud judgement in this topic. But I will support a humane response to all wildlife, and education to help keep people and animals safe.

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?

- Unsure
I like the idea, and would typically be all for it, but I am also concerned about the upcoming election and would not want Connecticut to split our electoral votes. After this election I will be more willing to engage in the discussion.

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
Just depends on dates and times.

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

- Yes
Please, I would really like to learn more and engage in a discussion to understand your perspective and discuss my perspective prior to a vote. So I can make the most informed decision.