



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) 100% Zero Carbon:

Do you support codifying this legislation?

- Yes

I absolutely support codifying this Executive Order into law. I would also proudly co-sponsor any state level Green New Deal to transform our energy grid. We must think boldly on this issue to prevent further climate damage, boost our economy and update our power infrastructure.

2) Environmental Justice:

Do you support the provisions that were contained in the Environmental Justice legislation?

- Yes

3) Municipal Funding Option :

Would you support legislation to allow, but not require, municipalities to establish a dedicated fund for local open space, farmland, water resources climate mitigation strategies through a limited conveyance fee on buyers of real estate?

- Yes

I would also be comfortable with a non-optional conveyance fee on properties of an exceptionally high footprint/cost.

4) Bottle Bill :

Do you support modernizing Connecticut's bottle bill by 1) expanding the list of beverage containers accepted, 2) raising the deposit amount on covered containers, and 3) raising the handling fee paid to authorized dealers for each container they collect?

- Yes

I hope it is not seen as a greater burden for lower and middle income residents of the state. Ideally the larger deposit is seen as a greater incentive to redeem containers and improve our collection rate.

5) Climate Change Education:

Do you support a requirement to teach climate change education in public schools?

- Yes

You would not actually be teaching earth science by omitting references to climate change. It is the same with biology and evolution, in that it is too integral to ignore.

6) Transfer Act:

Do you support switching to a release-based cleanup program that would require sufficient DEEP oversight, mandated reporting of all cleanups and other safeguards to ensure a successful program that increases the number of sites cleaned?

- Yes

7) MDC Water:

Would you support legislation to require rates set by MDC to be approved by PURA (the state regulatory authority that sets rates for private water utilities)?

- Yes

Decreased demand should result in lower prices for average consumers, not already lucrative companies. I would definitely approve greater oversight of MDC rates.

8) Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS):

Do you support advancing legislation that would prohibit PFAS chemicals wherever possible?

- Yes

Provided there is an equally safe and effective version of foam to fight fires, I fully support this.

9) Chlorpyrifos:

Will you support legislation to ban the sale and use of Chlorpyrifos in CT (as was the intent of House Bill 301 considered earlier this year)?

- Yes

10) No New Gas Infrastructure:

Will you oppose a tax on CT ratepayers to fund new gas pipelines?

- Yes
As much as I like cooking with gas, we must phase out our reliance on fossil fuels. Investing in new gas pipelines is not investing in the future of this planet.

Open Question:

What environmental issues have you worked on? What will be your top environmental priority for the 2021 legislative session?

- Collaborating with other members of the house to craft an ambitious Green New Deal for Connecticut.

Additional Comments:

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