

# 2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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### 1) 100% Zero Carbon:

Do you support codifying this legislation?

Yes

EOs can be undone without legislative approval. If we support the goal, it should be codified.

## 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've always supported Mansfield's open space acquisitions and support municipal authority to establish funding mechanisms.

#### 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

# 5) Climate Change Education:

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

Yes

I was so proud of Mansfield Middle School student activists and their efforts to support climate change action. We need more of this!

# 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
I am much less familiar with this issue and would like to learn more.

# 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 Water is a public resource.

# 8) Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS):

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

Yes

# 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
I have a consistent voting record that opposes the pipeline tax.

#### **Open Question:**

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

• As the Chair of the Higher Education Committee I had hoped to pass a bill

that required state universities to act to meet our Clean energy goals when expanding their energy producing capacity.

# **Additional Comments:**

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