



2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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OPEN QUESTION

I have been an advocate for clean energy solutions, although I have not served on the committees of cognizance. As Chair of the Higher Education committee in 2020, our committee considered legislation that would require public higher ed institutions to adhere to CT's statewide energy goals. Despite being state agencies this autonomy granted to state colleges and universities makes their cooperation in achieving our goals essentially voluntary. I am currently working with a group of local activists organizing to ask more of UConn in this regard and a reintroduction of that bill is likely. I consider the drive towards a clean, sustainable energy future free of carbon-based energy to be critical to our future.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes

Years ago, I advocated for a moratorium on the construction of trash burning plants as a staff member of the CT Citizen Action Group. We must do more in the area of source reduction to limit our production of trash, including banning single use plastics.

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Yes

I'm an answer ahead, I guess. We should prohibit or heavily tax single use plastics. I also agree that we need to recycle and compost more, but reducing our trash creation should be our top priority.

3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes
yes

4) PFAS:

- Yes
yes

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

- Yes
yes

6) RODENTICIDES:

- yes
I need to learn more about this issue and what you mean when you say "certain Rodenticides"

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

- Yes
Let's create sustainable alternatives to the overuse of fossil fuels

8) BEARS:

- yes
I agree that we should find the best, most effective, humane and moral solutions.

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

- Yes
Yes, on science based solutions.

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

- Yes
I support diversifying municipal revenue options in principle, and certain for good causes like the ones you mention. In my hometown of Mansfield, we have had a strong open space preservation program and created a special fund for energy conservations projects years ago when I served on the Town Council.

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

- Yes

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- Uncertain
- I consider myself committed to good government that encourages participation and engagement. Ranked choice voting is interesting, but before committing to its passage I need to learn more about how it works, especially for offices where more than one candidate is elected to an at-large seat of a local board or commission. I'd like to see

improvements in ballot access, ease of voting and campaign finance reforms too.