



2024 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) Open Question:

I have been supportive of my colleague Christine Palm's work on climate change as her colleague and fellow progressive democrat. As House Chair of the Higher Education Committee, I have pushed institutions to reduce their carbon footprint and encouraged them to make smarter environmental decisions overall. UConn is in my district and working with them on environmental issues is a constant priority.

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
Action climate change is a moral imperative.

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

4) Clean Cars and Trucks Emissions Standards:

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

- Yes
Additionally, I favor initiatives that promote the manufacture and sale of EV's as well as the development and promotion of other clean technologies such as FCEVs.

5) Environmental Rights Amendment:

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

- Yes

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?

- Yes

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

I first opposed the construction of new trash incinerators decades ago and helped to pass a moratorium that lasted for years. While technology has improved, it's clear that dangerous byproducts and pollution are still produced by trash incineration.

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

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 applaud your principles and goals and share them. I remain unconvinced that RCV is a workable solution for most offices in CT. While you point out several potential positive impacts, RCV would also limit the influence of organized third-parties through cross-endorsements and lead to a much more complicated ballot. I am undecided on this issue but welcome a continued dialog with LCV on this idea.

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?

- Yes

I have attended several summits in past years and will attend if I am able.

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

- Yes

Yes, of course!