



2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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Senate , 31

OPEN QUESTION

I have worked on the City Energy Commission that was instrumental in bringing alternative clean energy projects to Bristol. Worked and promoted for the open space grants that Bristol has received. Helped to create a program to make solar energy available to low-income families.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes
Lower income communities have a history of being the location where polluting business set up shop. If we hold everyone and everywhere in CT to the same standard, companies will be forced to clean up their act.

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Yes
Proper waste management will become a greater and greater issue as time goes on. Most recently we in Bristol have been discussing the Covanta plant and their desire to include low-level medical waste for incineration. There were many opinions in the community and most of them were based on partial information of a gut reaction to the proposal. In order to do this properly and with community support, public education will be key to making better and informed decisions.

3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes
I agree that is a huge problem and needs to be addressed. We need to move to having companies bear the responsibility to only use biodegradable packaging. Recycling can only do so much.

4) PFAS:

- Yes

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

- Yes

6) RODENTICIDES:

- yes

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

- Yes
Emission standards need to be implemented for the use all combustible fuels.

8) BEARS:

- yes

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

- Yes
In Bristol, we have hired independent consultants to help determine how tree issues should be handled depending on the health of the tree and safety.

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

- Yes
In City Council we approved several areas for state open space grants, preserving land and using it for nature centers and education.

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

- Yes

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- Uncertain
- I have seen this work well in other states and it would depend how this would be implemented in the state on CT. I agree with the concept but would reserve judgement on how it would be implemented.