



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House District 8

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

Do you support transitioning to 100% clean energy by 2050 or sooner?

Uncertain

I have been honored to work on one of the most aggressive energy goals this year with SB-9. I would like to see how we do over the next few years and how it effects the cost of energy for our rate payers before I support this concept.

2) State Water Plan:

Will you support the plan as submitted to the legislature and affirm that water is a public trust?

Uncertain

I believe one of the most important issues we will face is enough quality water. The concern I have is what control of wells can be considered under the public trust label.

3) Municipal Funding Pilot for Open Space:

Would you support legislation that would allow, but not require, certain municipalities to establish a dedicated fund to protect local open space, farmland and water resources through a limited conveyance fee on buyers of real estate?

Yes

I have been a strong advocate for protecting our open space and farmlands. I look to continue that effort this upcoming legislative session.

4) Plastic Bag Pollution:

Would you support a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags (or a ban/fee hybrid) to significantly reduce plastic bag pollution in our state?

Yes

I not only support this but would like to find a way to reducing our plastic packing of products.

5) Gas Pipeline:

Will you support the repeal of the pipeline tax established in 2015?

Uncertain

At this time I oppose the expansion of the gas pipeline. But if there is a need to expand the pipeline for the production of electricity due to the closure of our nuclear plants or other issues that may arise it becomes a public safety concern.

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Uncertain

I would need to listen to the public hearings on this issue since I have not been on the committees of cognoscente. I have and will continue to find ways to support funding for renewable energy sources.

7) Additional Comments: