



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

Devin Carney (Republican)

House District 23

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

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

Yes

As a co-founder of the bipartisan Clean Energy caucus, I have worked to promote clean energy legislation. I think it makes sense, both environmentally and economically, to do what we can to move away from fossil fuels to more renewable sources.

2) State Water Plan:

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

Yes

I believe the state must protect our water and ensure the public that it is being managed in their best interest.

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?

Uncertain

In the current economic climate, I would be hesitant to add another tax or fee onto real estate transactions. As a state, we must do what we can to entice people to move here and I don't believe another tax or fee is the right way to go (I see way too many for sale signs and not enough property moving). I am a strong supporter of open space and farmland preservation, so I understand the desire for this type of legislation. However, I would like to see whether another fee could

be eliminated first and I would like to know more about how this fee would be 'limited'.

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 think the state should begin to move away from single-use plastic goods. I would like to see more incentives for consumers to use reusable bags.

5) Gas Pipeline:

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

Yes

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Uncertain

I believe that more should be done to educate the public about the true costs fossil fuels are having on our environment. However, I do not believe an additional cost on consumers is the correct way to go. We really have to grow the middle class, make Connecticut more affordable, and improve our economy. I would support incentives for people and businesses to purchase clean energy or to make their homes or businesses more energy efficient.

7) Additional Comments:

In my four years, I have always been a leader in my caucus on environmental issues, including serving as the House Republican State Lead for the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators. I have been a strong supporter of banning fracking waste, protecting endangered species, electric vehicles, clean energy, clean water, and open space. I hope to working to protect our precious natural resources and ensuring our environment is protected for many years to come.