



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House District 35

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

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

Yes

This is one of the planks in my platform: 19.) More aggressive policies are required to bring about a timely and full conversion to a solar-electric economy. No further purchases of gasoline-powered vehicles for the state fleet of cars and trucks should be made after January 1, 2020. As a result, within five years, the entire fleet of state-owned vehicles will be all-electric. The conversion of private vehicles to electric power should be encouraged by means of significant tax credits at the state level. Tesla and other all-electric vehicle manufacturers should be permitted to operate sales and service centers in Connecticut. State purchase and tax policies should place priority on electric vehicles made in the United States. Rather than invest in old or danger technologies (e.g. nuclear), the state of Connecticut should invest in solar and wind technology, and it should encourage these industries to develop within the state.

2) State Water Plan:

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

Yes

Absolutely will support this consensus plan. Water is a fundamental resource necessary for all of our survival, and therefore it must be treated as a public resource trust.

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

Open space is good for the environment and good for the human spirit. We must preserve our natural resources.

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

the following is a plank in my platform: 20.) The use of individual plastic bags, plastic straws and other single-use plastic items in Connecticut should be phased out over a period of two years. This will result in a significant reduction in problematic waste and enhance the quality of life throughout our state.

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?

Yes

7) Additional Comments:

A colleague and I are the ones who organized the community of Clinton to oppose the proposal of placing an industrial waste recycling facility within five feet of Clinton's wetlands. We were able to bring together members of different political persuasions to unify in opposition of this environmental disastrous plan. We had up to 300 townsfolk to meetings of the Town of Clinton's Inland Water Commission to voice their opposition to this proposal. As a result of our actions, members of the Town's Inland Water Commission indicated that they were

inclined to reject this proposal, and Shoreline Rail & Recycling withdrew their environmentally disastrous proposal.