



## 2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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### OPEN QUESTION

Climate Justice, addressing climate change urgency; pivoting to a carbon-neutral economy NOW; protecting biodiversity; strengthening climate resiliency; environmental racism

#### 1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes  
We need to INVEST in communities harmed by environmental racism, and invest not only in repair, remediation, but also in clean air/air quality control metrics and enforcement, give PURA siting council GREATER authority to deny concentration of polluters and fossil fuel emitters in low-wealth communities; housing justice (access to affordable housing) must be aligned with environmental justice.

#### 2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Yes  
We need to address and invest in theTRUE lifecycle costs of our consumption and waste, and reduce our wastestream, charge producers and users equitably to take responsibility for sustainable waste management. We have been exploiting cheap export of waste and harming environment and communities with our short-cycle, fast consumption. Comprehensive waste management costs, but we have been ignoring the real costs for generations.

#### 3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes  
We tried to pass this in 2019. Let's GO!

#### 4) PFAS:

- Yes

Time to ban PFAS and other forever chemicals, we can't wait for the EPA, we must act as state legislatures to protect our environment, health and safety, or we pay buckets later!

**5) NEONICOTINOIDS:**

- Yes

**6) RODENTICIDES:**

- yes  
We in the country here have to trap our rodents, to reduce the population, without harming the raptors up the food ecosystem.

**7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:**

- Yes  
I spoke and voted AGAINST this e-cert of legislation, tried to refer it to the Environment Committee from the floor, and paid a big cost for doing so:)

**8) BEARS:**

- yes  
Been in the trenches, trying to hold DEEP more accountable for their poor oversight of bear encounters:(

**9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:**

- Yes  
I'm at Ground Zero with Eversource Vs. Redding, as they try to clear cut the old growth, scenic route-designated roads instead of burying the lines, those bastards! We will not yield!

**10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:**

- Yes

**11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:**

- Yes

**12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:**

- yes
- I supported the study of RCV, and believe it's time CT increase voter access and engagement!

