



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) 100% Zero Carbon:

Do you support codifying this legislation?

- Yes

I feel the 100% zero carbon plan is something we need to focus on and is easily achievable with the right support team

2) Environmental Justice:

Do you support the provisions that were contained in the Environmental Justice legislation?

- Yes

3) Municipal Funding Option :

Would you support legislation to allow, but not require, municipalities to establish a dedicated fund for local open space, farmland, water resources climate mitigation strategies through a limited conveyance fee on buyers of real estate?

- Yes

Im proud that my home town of Southington has purchased tons of open space over the years. We have been fortunate to do so and we have had referendums to expand funding to accomplish this and I've always voted yes. I would love to see a municipal funding option as this would help us secure more open space as well as help other towns that would like to do the same.

4) Bottle Bill :

Do you support modernizing Connecticut's bottle bill by 1) expanding the list of beverage containers accepted, 2) raising the deposit amount on covered containers, and 3) raising the handling fee paid to authorized dealers for each container they collect?

- Yes

I own a refuse and recycling company and I'm constantly complaining about the amount of returnables we see in our recycling collection especially glass containers that have a deposit on them because once that bottle breaks it's no longer an item that can be recycled and ends up in our landfills. Most MRFs we go to don't even recycle the glass or have a hard time in doing so because of the containers breaking. At a minimum we need to increase the bottle deposit to help reduce the amount of glass in our recycling stream. I would be honored to help educate others on this and get the ball moving in the right direction.

5) Climate Change Education:

Do you support a requirement to teach climate change education in public schools?

- Yes
I feel education is very important especially educating students on our climate change since it's our future and we need to make sure we take the proper steps that are necessary to protect our environment and future.

6) Transfer Act:

Do you support switching to a release-based cleanup program that would require sufficient DEEP oversight, mandated reporting of all cleanups and other safeguards to ensure a successful program that increases the number of sites cleaned?

- Yes
We certainly should be working on cleaning up sites asap especially those that have a threat on the public health.

7) MDC Water:

Would you support legislation to require rates set by MDC to be approved by PURA (the state regulatory authority that sets rates for private water utilities)?

- Yes

8) Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS):

Do you support advancing legislation that would prohibit PFAS chemicals wherever possible?

- Yes

9) Chlorpyrifos:

Will you support legislation to ban the sale and use of Chlorpyrifos in CT (as was the intent of House Bill 301 considered earlier this year)?

- Yes

10) No New Gas Infrastructure:

Will you oppose a tax on CT ratepayers to fund new gas pipelines?

- Yes

Open Question:

What environmental issues have you worked on? What will be your top environmental priority for the 2021 legislative session?

- I own a refuse and recycling company and strongly believe we need to do better and can do better when it comes to taking care of our environment. In 2012, I started to offer weekly recycling collection at no additional cost to my residential customers as it was the right thing to do and helped promote recycling efforts. I also started to invest split body trucks that collect trash and recycling at the same time to help reduce our carbon footprint with having 1 truck do the job of 2 trucks. I would love to help move the bottle bill forward in 2021 and will work hard to make sure they change that is needed happens.

Additional Comments:

- I would love to have your support and look forward to speaking with you soon!