



2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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OPEN QUESTION

I have been a leader in Norwalk on climate action, proposing and garnering support for the City's first climate action plan as a Council member. I have been advocating to put equity at the core of this work and for our plan to prioritize the most affected people and places in our City. I believe everyone has the right to breathe clean air and have access to clean water. Modernizing our industrial zoning, incentivizing the transition to electric vehicles including and especially for our public transit systems, and working with community partners to increase access to and opportunities in outdoor recreation for all can help address these environmental injustices. I would also be interested in exploring the idea of manufacturers being on a timeline to phase out PFAS from a wide range of products including carpets, furniture, cosmetics, food packaging, and fluids used in oil and gas production and firefighting foam. I have championed Solar for All here in Norwalk and programs like this are an invaluable way to make individual residents empowered to transition to clean energy in their homes. I also think we should electrify all of our school buses across the state and create incentives for municipalities to transition over to electric trash and recycling trucks (and snow plows as possible). We should also work to make our cities carbon neutral by specific target dates that are ambitious, including our municipal and school buildings. I absolutely believe that the effects of climate change are a public health issue, especially in our most affected communities. The disproportionate exposure to pollution, extreme heat in urban heat islands, and reduced tree canopy among other things all contribute to creating disparate experiences with the effects of climate change in CT that we need to prioritize in our response.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Yes

3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes

4) PFAS:

- Yes

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

- Yes

6) RODENTICIDES:

- yes

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

- Yes

8) BEARS:

- yes

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

- Yes

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

- Yes

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

- Yes

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- yes
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