



2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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OPEN QUESTION

Long Island Sound, conservation and clean air & water. We are stewards of an environment that is a finite and precious resource. Therefore we must be vigilant to preserve and protect what we have. The environment matters to me because I was blessed to grow up in the Lordship section of Stratford on Long Island Sound and enjoyed the natural beauty of that area, which includes the McKinney Wildlife Preserve and CT Audobon. In the Senate I supported Climate Change Mitigation, Pesticide Applications Near Lakes & Ponds, Recycling of Gas Cylinders, Clean Energy Tariff Program, Long Island Sound Blue Plan, Banning PFAS, Anaerobic Digestion Facilities on Farms, Public Notification of Sewage Spills, among others. Before being elected to the Senate, I volunteered to help improve our environment as a member of the Stratford Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission and as Secretary of the Lordship Improvement Assn. Inc. - a 501(c)(3) land trust I helped establish.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Yes

3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Uncertain

Due to my vote against this initiative this year because it was only applicable to restaurants, caterers and most schools. I am open to a conversation on this issue.

4) PFAS:

- Yes

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

- Yes

6) RODENTICIDES:

- yes

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

- Yes

I would support emission requirements so long as the data centers can find diesel generators to enable them to operate.

8) BEARS:

- yes

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

- Yes

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

- Yes

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

- Yes

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- Uncertain
- Since voting is so important to democracy, I will need to research the advantages and disadvantages of Ranked Choice Voting before I can weigh in on this question. I understand and appreciate your view on this issue and will remember that as I investigate this concept further.