

2014 Candidate Survey



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CONSERVATION VOTERS

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Are you enrolled in the Citizen's Election Fund for public campaign financing? Yes No _____

Do you have a primary? Yes _____ No

Are you an incumbent? Yes _____ No This is an open seat race.

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

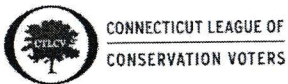
Please mark boxes named "Support," "Uncertain," and "Oppose" with an x.

Topic	Question	Support	Uncertain	Oppose
Parks	Would you support state park and forest revenues going to park and forest operations and maintenance rather than to the General Fund?	X		
Yes, it is important that park and forest generated revenues be guarded for the operations and maintenance of our state parks and forests.				
Transportation	CT is one of the 10 states most dependent on federal funds as a percentage of their transportation expenditures. More than half of the states and localities have moved forward on increasing their funding share. Do you favor this and how might we do it in CT?	X		

Comments: Transportation revenues need to remain in the transportation fund and not moved into the General Fund.			
Property Tax Reform	CT's property tax burdens small towns, strangles cities, undermines mass transit and drives sprawl. Would you be an advocate on behalf of the environment in the tax reform debate, especially with regards to property tax?	X	
Comments: Yes.			

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Support	Uncertain	Oppose
Pesticides	The American Academy of Pediatrics and many other science and medical institutions have warned that pesticides (including herbicides) are harmful to human and ecological health. CT has a ban on use of lawn care pesticides on grounds of elementary and middle schools. Would you support legislation to extend this ban to high schools and public parks where children play?	X		
Comments: It is scientifically proven that pesticides are harmful to human and ecological health. Waterford has been pro-active in guarding against the use of pesticides on all school-grounds.				
Pesticides	Should towns have more authority to limit or guide pesticide applications within their borders, including roadside spraying and applications of pesticides in wetlands and surface water?	X		
Comments:				
Water Source Protection	CT normally uses decades old data for setting standards and guidance for stormwater management. Would you support requiring the state to upgrade its standards using scientifically validated, up-to-date statistics on volumes of water associated with extreme storms and annual precipitation?	X		
Comments: Yes, but I would need additional information.				
Microbeads	Many personal care products such as shampoos and toothpaste are being manufactured using tiny plastic microbeads. Once microbeads are washed down the drain, they can enter lakes, rivers, and eventually the ocean through sewage overflows or pass through sewage treatment plants. Microbeads, like other plastics, can absorb toxic chemicals. They can be mistaken for food by aquatic life and can be passed up the food chain to larger fish, wildlife, and humans. Would you support legislation to protect our waterways from this new environmental threat?	X		
Comments: Yes, it would seem reasonable to avoid the use of microbeads in order to protect our aquatic life and waterways.				
Conservation Lands	Would you support passing a state Constitutional Amendment to better protect state conservation lands from being given away for non-conservation purposes?	X		
Comments: Yes, state conservation lands must be protected for a variety of environmental concerns but also for the well-being of our state for generations to come.				

Energy	Would you support policies or legislation to protect and expand the state's cost-effective energy efficiency programs opposing any attempts to raid the CT Energy Efficiency Fund for state budgetary needs?	X		
Comments: There are many cost-effective energy efficiency programs that need further exploration by the state. The CT Energy Efficiency Fund needs to be protected in order for the state to move forward in this effort.				
Energy	While other states promote shared net metering and sub metering for solar, fuel cell and other distributed renewable sources, CT imposes regulatory barriers that effectively prevent development of these projects in our state. Would you support legislation that removes these barriers and enable clean renewable distributed generation to move forward?	X		
Comments: Yes, again in Waterford we are implementing the use of solar panels on our school buildings. The high school and three elementary schools are geo-thermal schools.				
Toxins	Would you support legislation that requires the Department of Public Health to identify chemicals of high concern to children, manufacturer disclosure of those chemicals and a process for recommendations to reduce exposure?	X		
Comments: Yes. The safety of our children's health should be a high priority for the legislature and Department of Public Health. The identification of harmful chemicals should be made in an open and transparent manner to the legislature.				



Part 2: What environmental issue has lacked the attention in Connecticut that it deserves? As a legislator, what will you do to change that?

The use of pesticides on all school-grounds, K-12.

Part 3: What are the environmental priorities in your district?

Protection of Long Island sound, and surrounding coves. There is substantial damage to our beaches and coastline after major storms. Flooding is also a concern.

Part 4: If you are elected, what would be your top environmental priorities for the 2014 legislative session? Please identify up to three and rank the three in order 1, 2, or 3:

- ___ Parks
- ___ Transportation
- 1 Pesticides
- 3 Water Source Protection
- ___ Microbeads

2 Conservation Lands

Energy

Toxins

Property Tax Reform

____ Other (please explain)

Comments:

As a long-standing member and the chairman of the Waterford Board of Education, the protection and safety of school age children is and will remain a high priority of mine. Waterford uses only Green products in the maintenance and cleaning of its schools. Waterford continues to investigate cost-effective energy efficient programs. I am also a strong advocate for the Goshen Coastal Conservancy that protects many of our endangered species including the piping plover. Long Island sound is one of Connecticut's treasures and it must be continually protected.