



## 2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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Senate , 28

**1) 100% Zero Carbon:**

Do you support codifying this legislation?

- Yes

**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

**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

**5) Climate Change Education:**

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

- Yes

**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

**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?**

- Reducing food waste is a central pillar of my work as the Director of the Center for Food Equity and Economic Development with the Council of

Churches of Greater Bridgeport. We repurpose retail food waste into our job training and small business development programming. "Climate health in all policies" and seeing an increased investment in a green economy is my broad priority; I'm particularly focused on building a robust recycle/recover/reuse infrastructure in the state, expanding anaerobic digestion, building coastline resiliency through natural barriers, creating an innovative and supportive environment for businesses to pursue Corporate Social Responsibility/Environmental Social Governance strategies as a means to both address climate change and attract new businesses to the State, repurposing state assets into green buildings to both house new businesses looking to decrease their carbon footprints and move those assets into a pension liability trust in order to fund our outstanding pension debt, investing in microgrids and high speed internet to allow for energy independence and resiliency as well as remote work and learning capabilities, investing in electric public transportation, creating a more robust partnership with higher education in a green agenda, pursue a green building strategy in order to diversify our housing stock, protecting our pollinators and open space, supporting local agriculture, and ensuring that black and brown communities directly benefit from the job opportunities, lower energy costs, and green housing.

**Additional Comments:**

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