



## 2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

**Juliemar Ortiz Democrat**  
**Senate , 23**

### **OPEN QUESTION**

In my current role as environmental campaign lead for PT Partners I have been working to educate residents and youth on environmental issues while helping to lead discussions on environmental injustices they face including smell pollution from the WPCA plant located nearby, the lack of a recycling system on the property, and air quality education. I previously worked in the offshore wind industry and I support making CT a 100% renewable state. I am also passionate about land conversation and wildlife protection.

#### **1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:**

- Yes  
Low income and BIPOC communities have put up with more than enough polluting facilities that had made our communities less safe and less healthy. These injustices impact our everyday lives and it's time to right the wrongs of the past and protect our most vulnerable residents from harmful industries.

#### **2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:**

- Yes  
This issue is near to me as I have been helping a low income housing community in Bridgeport fight against the local WPCA, which continues to cause air pollution in their community and apartments. I would also work to hold them accountable to the upgrades needed to be made as a result of litigation by CT DEEP for polluting the Long Island Sound.

#### **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
- We need to expand the democratic process and give voters more choices in order to make gains we need in the legislature to pass policies that benefit the people. This would also make the election process more fair and inclusive.