



## 2024 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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**House District 94**

### 1) Open Question:

Across my career I have advocated for a coordinated response to the climate crisis, and believe climate change to be one of the greatest threats to humanity right now. I support passing the Connecticut Environmental Rights Amendment to guarantee every resident's right to a healthy environment. I will emphasize eco-friendly housing and transportation initiatives that focus on a just transition for community members affected by the switch from fossil fuel jobs to clean energy. I am dedicated to protecting and expanding greenspace to enhance the quality of life for working families. I have been actively fighting to turn the 6 Lakes property in Southern Hamden into a state park and supporting the remediation of homes in the Newhall part of Hamden experiencing crumbling foundations. My approach ensures that environmental policies are inclusive and prioritize the needs of the most affected communities.

### 2) Climate:

**Will you support paying for increased investments in clean energy and our electric grid infrastructure to ensure a healthy environment that will reduce reliance on fossil fuel and nuclear energy (and ultimately reduce costs to ratepayers)?**

- Yes

It is imperative that we declare a climate emergency and pass a statewide green new deal.

### 3) Nature-Based Solutions:

**Will you support a stand-alone bill that authorizes and prioritizes the use of nature-based solutions (forests, trees, wetlands, riparian buffers, healthy organic soils, and other natural ecosystems) as the preferred alternative, where appropriate, across all agencies?**

- Yes

Our natural environment should be among our top priorities, and we should work to protect it and restore biodiversity.

**4) Clean Cars and Trucks Emissions Standards:**

**Do you support Connecticut's adoption of the latest California emissions standards for cars and trucks?**

- Yes

Yes, and we should make permanent our adoption of these standards and make them more stringent where necessary.

**5) Environmental Rights Amendment:**

**Will you support an Environmental Rights Amendment to our State Constitution?**

- Yes

Stopping climate change is a justice and equity issue, and we need to ensure that we preserve it and do so in a way that addresses and remedies existing social injustices.

**6) Food Waste Diversion:**

**Will you support designating food scraps as a "recyclable" item and requiring large-scale food generators to create plans to donate edible food?**

- Yes

This is an excellent way that we can both reduce food waste and address food insecurity.

**7) Neonicotinoids:**

**Will you help push for legislation to ban the sale and use of neonics for non-agricultural use in Connecticut?**

- Yes

**8) Rodenticides:**

**Will you support banning the use of certain rodenticides, with a few well-defined exceptions, to help prevent the deaths of its unintended victims?**

- Yes

**9) Environmental Justice:**

**Will you support a legislative fix to Connecticut's Environmental Justice statutes to include all polluting facilities?**

- Yes

**10) Bears:**

**Will you support legislation that requires humane responses to conflicts with wildlife such as providing better support for the public seeking help, removing attractants, minimizing shooting incidents, and strengthening programs to deal with orphaned wildlife?**

- Yes

**11) Tree Cutting Protocols:**

**Will you support legislation to require stronger science-based tree cutting protocols based on conservation values?**

- Yes

**12) Ranked Choice Voting:**

**Should Connecticut pursue Ranked Choice Voting?**

- Yes

**CANDIDATE COMMITMENT TO WORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION**

If you support any or all of our top priority legislation during the 2025 session, will you add your name as a legislative co-sponsor?

- Yes

Will you plan to attend our annual Environmental Summit in January?

- Yes

If requested, will you meet with CTLCV at least once during the legislative session to review priority legislation?

- Yes