

2014 Candidate Survey



CONNECTICUT LEAGUE OF
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

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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

We cannot continue solely relying on the federal govt to fund transportation programs, especially as our bridges, rail lines, and roads continue to crumble. We also cannot continue shifting money earmarked at 'state level' for transportation to pay for other things. We cannot kick the can down the road on infrastructure any longer.

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

Reforming the property tax system is the single most important thing I could do as a state legislator and we need to bring our dependence on funding education through it ASAP. Cash-strapped towns make poor decisions and tend to trade open space for quick, big box revenue that looks good on paper but hurts the town and the community in the long run. We need to protect our environment, not give people a choice between open space preservation and education.

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Topic	Question	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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:	Yes			
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:	If the state passes laws that further permit the use of pesticides in additional locations then my question is who regulates and polices that. If the towns have the responsibility not then yes.			
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:	Yes			

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:				
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: Open Space is a big priority for me and the district I hope to represent and I will gladly support this				
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: Living in the state with the third highest electricity rates we clearly need to do something about this problem				
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				

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				



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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 towns I seek to represent (Burlford, Branford) have been hit hard by the increasing frequency of super storms like Irene and Sandy and while much progress has been made under the leadership of Rep. Altis and the shoreline task force on resiliency, much work needs to be done to protect our environment and coastline and I would like to be a part of that effort.

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

Coastal resiliency, protecting Long Island Sound, protecting our wetlands, preserving open space, protecting our fields and parks from harmful pesticides, combating climate change, protecting our islands like Faulkners and the Thimbles, protecting fish and wildlife in the Sound, flood control

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

- Pesticides
- Water Source Protection
- Microbeads
- Conservation Lands
- Energy
- Toxins
- Property Tax Reform
- Other (please explain)

Comments:

people frustrated w/ home heating

Very very hard to narrow this to just three because I care about all of these issues. I am so proud to have the support of Pat Vridlitz and Ed Meyer in this campaign. Both have been huge mentors to me and their respective retirements are a huge loss to CT. However, if elected I will pick up right where they left off and will work diligently to protect and defend our natural resources and environment as they have done!

would love to earn your endorsement, Sean