



## 2024 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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### 1) Open Question:

Environmental Issues: We need to address climate crisis at all levels (almost became a climate volunteer through Climate Crisis organization but decided to run for state office); supported energy efficient measures (via letters to the editor); supported clean water initiatives (Friend Margaret Minor, founder of Rivers Alliance - have been a supporting member for years); Supporter of Pomperaug River Valley Coalition.

My husband, Dr. Norman Sherman, was a successful researcher/inventor who worked w. government funding to extend the durability of solar panels from 20 years to 30 years. He also had 2 patents & 5 prototypes regarding methods to extract energy from the air. Unfortunately, he passed away before completing this effort.

My top priority will be to influence, address and pass energy efficient measures to meet the energy crisis.

### 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

We cannot allow the fossil fuel industry to continue their influence on the public into thinking that we have little or no climate crisis. The climate changes occurring now are not part of the normal pattern of cyclical climate occurrences. We are at a critical tipping point. The time to act is now!

### 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

These measures listed above are scientifically based and proven.

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

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

- Yes

I was very disappointed that the 2023-24 legislature did not enact the emissions standards for cars and trucks.

**5) Environmental Rights Amendment:**

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

- Yes

This is not an easy thing to accomplish. It will take consistent and effective communication efforts to change public attitudes. The fossil fuel industry has effectively caused people to have many disbeliefs regarding climate issues.

**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

My community has implemented this recyclable program, even though those who are less educated are fighting it. This is what all CT communities need to do. Some communities are farther ahead than others.

**7) Neonicotinoids:**

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

- Yes

The data regarding the negative of neonics effect on human health has been established by the medical and science communities.

**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  
Your description above says it all.

**9) Environmental Justice:**

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

- Yes  
Again, the anti-environmental lobbyists (fossil fuel industry, etc.) have been effective in watering down legislative measures regarding Environmental Justice statutes.  
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**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  
My Republican opponent was part of the effort to implement killing of bears.

**11) Tree Cutting Protocols:**

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

- Yes  
  
Eversource and UI will continue to take an aggressive stance with regard to tree cutting, unless there is legislation that reigns their measures in.

**12) Ranked Choice Voting:**

**Should Connecticut pursue Ranked Choice Voting?**

- Yes  
It has been working in other states/communities.

**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  
I am an avid environmentalist supporter and will co-sponsor well written environmental legislation.

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

- Yes  
Barring illness or other situational barriers (snow storms, etc.)

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

- Yes  
Again, barring illness or other situational issues (snow storms, ice, etc.)