



## 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  
the key provision leading to my support is to allow, but not require, municipalities to establish a dedicated fund. give local input and control over this decision.

**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?**

- Uncertain  
update and revision to transfer act is important and I am supportive of clean up oversight and safeguards to ensure a successful program that increases the number of sites cleaned. I welcome the opportunity to work with CTLCV and shareholder parties to move updating and improving the transfer act.

**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?**

- I remain a steadfast champion of environmental advocacy in the CT legislature and am very proud of protecting against attempts by the federal government to erode established environmental programs in CT. Protection and preserving our natural habitat is one our important roles as legislators, maintaining open space and natural resources needs to be part of our legacy to leave for future generations. I am most proud of my bipartisan approach to governing to create and ultimately pass legislation incorporating input and concerns of all impacted parties. Collaboration and commitment to a unifying idea of environmental protection is what I strive to do everyday as a state senator. I am eager to push for final passage of the Long Island Sound Blue Plan.  
<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Coastal-Resources/LIS-Blue-Plan/Blue-Plan-Policies>.

**Additional Comments:**

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