

# 2014 Candidate Survey



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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 x \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an incumbent? Yes xx \_\_\_\_\_ 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
<b>Parks</b>	Would you support state park and forest revenues going to park and forest operations and maintenance rather than to the General Fund?	X		
<b>Comments:</b>				
<b>Transportation</b>	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?	X		

<b>Comments:</b> Give localities more autonomy and focus on multi model transportation and fix it first			
<b>Property Tax Reform</b>	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	
<b>Comments:</b>			

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Uncertain</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
<b>Pesticides</b>	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?	X		
<b>Comments:</b> Kids Comm had the sleeper bill which was the safety net which we almost got done at the end of session. I will introduce next session				
<b>Pesticides</b>	Should towns have more authority to limit or guide pesticide applications within their borders, including roadside spraying and applicationsf pesticides in wetlands and surface water?			X
<b>Comments:</b> Not enough expertise on the town level for theses decisions.need the uniformity of the State and Federal Gov				
<b>Water Source Protection</b>	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?	X		
<b>Comments:</b> Been trying with Rep Mushinsky to get this done for quite a while				
<b>Microbeads</b>	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		
<b>Comments:</b> I could try to get a portion of this done in the Kids Committee!				
<b>Conservation Lands</b>	Would you support passing a state Constitutional Amendment to better protect state conservation lands from being given away for non-conservation purposes?	X		
<b>Comments:</b>				

<b>Energy</b>	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		
<b>Comments:</b>				
<b>Energy</b>	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		
<b>Comments:</b>				
<b>Toxins</b>	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		
<b>Comments:</b>				
I intend to do this legislation again with a strong section on Green Chemistry and collaboration with U Conn chemical Innovation and Yale				



**Part 2: What environmental issue has lacked the attention in Connecticut that it deserves? As a legislator, what will you do to change that?**

**See my answer to Chemicals...we worry about health care costs and U Cal at Davis just had study definitely linking autism to pesticides and could even point out at what point in the pregnancy the most danger existed We feel awful for kids with cancer but we don't seem to be able to realize that regulating bad chemicals is not bad for business...promoting green chemistry is good for business and good for kids**

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

**Open Space, potable water, pesticides**

**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
- \_\_\_ 2 Pesticides
- \_\_\_ Water Source Protection
- \_\_\_ Microbeads

3 Conservation Lands

Energy

1 Toxins

Property Tax Reform

\_\_\_\_ Other (please explain)

**Comments:**

CTLCV does an amazing job...by holding legislators accountable the organization has really changed the calculus. Also by rewarding and emphasizing leadership they encourage legislators to be brave and lead!

I count on their research and their advocacy to help me as House Chair of the Children's Committee to protect our kid's health and well being