

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	John Fonfara	Running for:	Senate	District	1	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I have and will be a supporter of the bottle bill and adding additional bottles to the law. As a legislator representing a city (Hartford) where recycling rates have been abysmally low, I also support single stream recycling in order to provide additional monetary incentives for my constituents to recycle.</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: I represent the area around Wethersfield Cove. We have been fighting for years to remove the Cove as a overflow point from Hartford. Too often medical waste ends up in the Cove. Until the seperation is finally accomplished (next 5 years or so) we must do</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?	Co-sponsor

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	<p><i>Candidate Comments: I support increased funding for bus service but I think much more thought must be given to what will get more commuters out of their cars. Route and schedule flexibility and, as funny as it may sound, vehicle aesthetics are important considerations. Big, ugly buses are a discouraging factor. Having a marketing unit in DOT, instead of highway engineers, wouldn't hurt. Also, finally getting commuter rail from Hartford to New Haven and Springfield is something I will focus more attention on in the coming term.</i></p>	
<p>7. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Municipal Green Fund</p>	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Would like to learn more about the concept but I like the idea. I would add cleaning up abandoned and blighted properties to the list or at least to the definition of brownfields.</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Energy & Global Warming</p>	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: As the current chair of the Energy and Technology committee, I support the creation of an Energy Department. However, just as having a department of Transportation has not led to measurable mass transit efforts in Connecticut, so to having a Dept. of Ener</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I helped lead the fight to pass the environment Justice legislation this year with the support of Lori Brown and the League. I would be part of additional efforts in this regard.</i></p>	<p>Support</p>

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**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate's Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Edwin Vargas, Jr.	Running for:	Senate	District	1	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	141 Douglas Street, Hartford, CT 06114	Phone:	860-956-1503	Email:	edvargas49@gmail.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

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2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
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DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

I believe all these issues need to be comprehensively addressed.

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Candidate:	Barbara Ruhe	Running for:	Senate	District	1	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

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1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: A state budget is a complex document in which detail should be carefully reviewed. However, one must also view the document as a whole and assess what needs must be prioritized.</i>	Uncertain
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I support this funding in principal. I believe we should preserve open space. We need to rectify brownfields and in the world of high energy costs we need to retain farmlands in areas close to major population centers. I live in a historic town and am a vigorous proponent of historic preservation. I have some significant reservations about funding for municipalities doing planning in historic portions of town. My concern is that these funds could be misused to do "economic development" in historic town centers.</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: I need to think about this issues a bit more and read a bit more about it. I am generally opposed to waste of any sort not being properly disposed of.</i>	Uncertain
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?	Uncertain

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	<p><i>Candidate Comments: I believe that we need to improve our public transportation system. I believe that before committing increased funding and bonding one should first look at where funds could be saved that could be used to improve public transportation.</i></p>	
<p>7. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: I only have a very general knowledge of inland wetland issues. I believe wetlands need to be protected. I believe that very often citizens are just as knowledgeable and maybe more so than paid experts on the issue. I do not know the current standard relative to burden of proof as it applies to an applicant and can not therefore reliably comment on it as it exists or to any change.</i></p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>8. Municipal Green Fund</p>	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: A Municipal Green Fund sounds like a great idea. We are facing some tough economic times and I am concerned about adding any new costs or taxes on taxpayers. I would be interested in exploring a way to finance this through savings achieved by careful ma</i></p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>9. Energy & Global Warming</p>	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Our energy definitely needs management! I would propose looking within existing agencies and pulling together folks into a Commission on Energy that works with all boards, commissions, departments, facilities, etc. around energy issues. The goal save ene</i></p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	<p>Support</p>

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Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate's Additional Comments:

Relative to the last item--saving land is definately my favorite--however the realities of the moment are that we must deal with the looming transportation/mass transit crisis.

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Candidate:	Eric Coleman	Running for:	Senate	District	2	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

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2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
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5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
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7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

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10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

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Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Gary LeBeau	Running for:	Senate	District	3	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

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1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Too often the DEP works too slowly on a variety of projects. We need to speed up the process for both the sake of the environment and the economy.</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I have supported this bill with my vote in spite of the fact I have the largest Coca-Cola bottling plant in my district.</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I will support this bill to the extent practicable under what appears to be a worsening fiscal situation for the state.</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: Gross!!!</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: This is an excellent idea, but this is also a "taking of property". There should be a program to reimburse the owners for their loss of use.</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: As Chair of the Transportation Bonding sub-committee I have aggressively pursued more funding for all mass Transit alternatives and have been honored by AARP for my work on expanding bus service.</i>	Leader

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9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: We need to look at encouraging energy efficiency for all phases of our life. Alternative energy solutions are also part of the solution and we must capture more of the energy available from the sun, waterpower and hydrogen.</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments: Must be based on science.</i>	Support

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Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate's Additional Comments:

We must begin to reconsider nuclear power along with other forms of alternative energy and efficiency. We can not have an economy that runs on the most expensive energy in the United States and be competitive nationally and internationally.

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Candidate:	Mary Ann Handley	Running for:	Senate	District	4	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

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Toxics

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

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Toxics

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Candidate:	David Blackwell	Running for:	Senate	District	4	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

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1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: As an attorney, I have had first-hand experience with DEP's efforts to seek compliance with such laws as CT's Transfer Act. While DEP's present staff is quite able, it does not have the staff capacity to facilitate transactions involving Establishments as rapidly as the parties often desire. The result is slower business transactions and sometimes, Transferor efforts to avoid compliance. An increased operational budget should facilitate transactions and ensure greater compliance.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: The Face of Connecticut campaign is impressive and I support the many aspects explained in the attached material. As a former member of the legislature's Planning & Development Committee, I regret that this comprehensive campaign was not before us previously. My support, however, is conditioned upon identifying a funding provision which does not adversely affect an already strained state budget.</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: I wholeheartedly agree with efforts to control and limit the discharge of trace elements of pharmaceuticals into the surface and groundwaters of the state. It is reasonable to assume that chemicals which are designed to have a certain effect on humans wi</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I generally support efforts to create buffers along the state's rivers and streams and would welcome an opportunity to protect the quality of the state's waters from further degradation. As a legislator, I would explore: 1 - the possibility of including p</i>	Support

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or Oppose

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6. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Please know that any and all efforts to increase public transit alternatives to single occupancy automobiles should be explored and encouraged. I recognize that enhancements to bus transit are faster and incur smaller capital costs to that of seemingly attractive rail and other alternatives. However, in light of ConnDOT's mis-handling of the New Britain - Hartford BRT, and other matters, I have serious misgivings about the capacity of ConnDOT to undertake additional expansions of bus service.</i></p>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: I support efforts to clarify the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions, but seek more information on specifically when the burden of proof is triggered and whether burden shifting might occur between an applicant vs. the Commission depending upon the circumstances of the application.</i></p>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Please do not mistake my response with a disagreement over creating Municipal Green Funds. However, I am very opposed to increasing the already exorbitant costs of housing in Connecticut that make it that much more difficult for new homebuyers. Connecti</i></p>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I am very receptive to ideas that would enhance energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gases and emissions and explore alternative energies. The State is already linked with the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology ("CCAT") and should examine more wa</i></p>	Leader
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Legislation that phases out toxic chemicals suspected to cause cancer, birth defects or reproductive damage and replaces such toxins with safer alternatives sounds very reasonable and supportable. However, the overview provided did not identify the toxin</i></p>	Support

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DEP Funding

Candidate's Additional Comments:

As a state representative, I was able to persuade the CTLCV to include Lead Action for Medicaid Primary Prevention ("LAMPP") as a major CTLCV initiative for the 2001 session. I am pleased that this environmental and public health legislation not only passed then, but has since turned into a tremendously effective and inexpensive method of preventing lead poisoning in children. I am proud of the role that I played at that time and look forward to undertaking similar roles on behalf of the environment and public health in the future. I look forward to opportunities to speak with CTLCV about your legislative initiatives in order that I can better understand and articulate those goals on which we agree.

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Candidate:	Jonathan Harris	Running for:	Senate	District	5	Party:	Democrat
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2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I have always voted for expansion of the bottle bill. I have also consistently raised concerns about the effect on small businesses and advocated for taking a comprehensive approach to recycling.</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
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	<i>Comments:</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

Comprehensive tax reform - If we lessen our reliance on the regressive property tax, we can change our growth patterns which have and continue to be destructive to our environment and the character of our state. Moreover, such reform will enable us to re

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

While I have checked support above, I am willing to consider taking a more active role in more of the issues. As Chair of Human Services and Vice-Chair of Planning & Development, I tend to be more active on issues focused on these committees. I never commit to co-sponsorship until I read the actual bill. Even then I often wait until passage because many bills are gutted and something else - at times even language with the opposite effect - is substituted (welcome to the "sausage factory!"). Finally, on all issues with fiscal impact, I always take a look at the big picture. The budget is always challenging and will be even more so next session (if I'm privileged to serve again) given our economic realities and the related budget crunch. This is the main reason I checked "uncertain" on the Department of Energy. Thank you for all of your advocacy, support and guidance in the past. It has been a pleasure and very helpful working with you. I hope to do so again as a Senator, and if not, in some other capacity in the future.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Joseph Merritt	Running for:	Senate	District	5	Party:	Republican
Mailing Address:	31 Woods Road, Bloomfield, CT 0	Phone:	860-242-2488	Email:	merrittforsenate@aol.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Leader

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

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**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

I've been extremely interested in Conservation, Energy and Environmental issues locally. Specifically I'm pushing the East Coast Greenway link between Simsbury and Hartford through Bloomfield. Bicycling has become a practical commuting method while we wait for mass transit. I sponsored and as minority leader got passed a requirement for school rebuilding to conform to LEAD standards in Bloomfield and made Bloomfield one of the first towns in CT to meet the 20% green energy by 2010 goal by 2007. We have taken advantage of lower land values during recessions to buy open space and farms. I think we need to do more as a state to encourage wind, solar, hydro and other green energy development as well as conservation.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Donald DeFronzo	Running for:	Senate	District	6	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I have voted in support at least three times.</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Good initiative. I support the concept and approach but progress may be restricted by tough budget year.</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: I have submitted and won approval for several initiatives - \$6 million in FY '09.</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Support

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
	<i>Comments:</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: This will depend on over all economy and input form local officials etc.</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

As a member of the Environment Committee I have a tested voting record on most of the above issues.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	George Colli	Running for:	Senate	District	7	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	153 Marbern Dr, Suffield, CT 06078	Phone:	860-539-5119	Email:	friendsofgeorgecolli@hotmail.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: I would really like to see a public train service between Springfield and Hartford.</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

I appreciate the information you have provided and look forward to learning more from you about your initiatives.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Art House	Running for:	Senate	District	8	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	House For Senate Committee, P.O. Box 501, Simsbury, CT, CT 06070	Phone:	(w) 203-578-2391	Email:	ARTHRHOUSE@AOL.COM		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes						

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: There is a clear need for increased operating funding for the DEP.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: It makes no sense to have carbonated beverages included and the more prevalent, non-carbonated beverages not included.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: These have been neglected priorities for too long.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: I have discussed this issue with the Farmington River Watershed Association and made this issue part of my speech announcing my candidacy.</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: This is an important issue. I have a small piece of land on the Farmington River and have voluntarily helped strengthen its vegetative buffer.</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: This is one of the most important issues before the legislature in 2009.</i>	Leader

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: Wetland protection is critical to environmental integrity.</i>	Leader
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I like this proposal.</i>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: Connecticut should be a leader in this area.</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments: An obvious need.</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I have long supported environmental initiatives and belong to environmental support groups. If elected I plan to work for all of these initiatives. I have checked "leader" for them because I strongly support all of the issues cited. I recognize that being on the appropriate committee helps determine the extent of leadership possible, and I hope to be able to lead on these matters. At the least I plan to co-sponsor and work to support them.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Kevin Witkos	Running for:	Senate	District	8	Party:	Republican
Mailing Address:	15 Highledge Rd, Canton, CT 06019	Phone:	860-693-3985	Email:	witkos408@comcast.net		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: The time is now!</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: obviously it will depend on the economy, however an increase to the fee paid for filing papers may be the additional revenue source</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: I would not support the requirement that law enforcement be present for the transfer of any narcotics. This can be done by DPH- I understand the premise but it appears to be quite onerous. Other than that section I support the proposal</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: as long as routine maintenance is allowed ie; a homeowner has a stream in their backyard, they should be allowed to cut their grass, plant flower beds etc</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: as long as it remains "permissive" if it becomes a mandate, I would not support</i>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments: I would have to see the proposed phase out language and what specifically it addresses and how it impacts Ct homeowners, businesses, municipalities. Too vague right now. I would need to see a draft bill before committing</i>	Uncertain

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which **ONE** of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Paul Doyle	Running for:	Senate	District	9	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	38 Thornbush Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109	Phone:	860 257 7952	Email:	Sendoyale9th@aol.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I think it is very important that we maximize funding to the DEP so they can attain the legislative mandates we impose on the department.</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: In the past, I have not voted on this issue because of the potential for a conflict of interest because of a client of mine.</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: This is a great initiative but it will be difficult to attain because of the difficult state budget situation.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: To be honest, this is my first exposure to this issue but I am surprised such disposal currently is legal.</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I would have to review the specifics of this legislation.</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: We have to further expand mass transportation!</i>	Co-sponsor

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I fully support the cause but need to review the final funding source.</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: I support our global warming legislation but need to further investigate the creation of a department. It may make sense but I don't want to divert current monies to the creation of a new department at the expense of our current conservation programs.</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments: Assuming the toxicity is proven, they should be banned.</i>	Support

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Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate's Additional Comments:

Sorry I am late with my survey.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Martin Looney	Running for:	Senate	District	11	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	132 Fort Hale Road, New Haven, CT 06512	Phone:	203-468-8829	Email:	mmllooney@sbcglobal.net		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
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9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

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DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Edward Meyer	Running for:	Senate	District	12	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	407 Mulberry Point Road, Guilford, CT 06437	Phone:	(203) 458-2656	Email:	edmeyer@snet.net		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: As Senate Chair of the Environment Committee, this is my top priority.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I have been a co-sponsor.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Unfortunately, Governor Rell is blocking this investment.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I sponsored and advocated for this bill this year.</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: Increased bus service is in our state transportation plan.</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: Again, I sponsored and advocated for this bill in 2008.</i>	Leader

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i> My research demonstrates the toxicity of pthalates and bisphenol-A, particularly to children.	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

I enthusiastically seek the League's endorsement.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Edward Meyer	Running for:	Senate	District	12	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	407 Mulberry Point Road, Guilford, CT 06437	Phone:	(203) 458-2656	Email:	edmeyer@snet.net		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: As Senate Chair of the Environment Committee, this is my top priority.</i>	Leader
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3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Unfortunately, Governor Rell is blocking this investment.</i>	Leader
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7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: Again, I sponsored and advocated for this bill in 2008.</i>	Leader

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i> My research demonstrates the toxicity of pthalates and bisphenol-A, particularly to children.	Leader

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DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

I enthusiastically seek the League's endorsement.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Ryan Suerth	Running for:	Senate	District	12	Party:	Republican
Mailing Address:	PO Box 142, Madison, CT 0	Phone:	-6443	Email:	ryan@ryansuerth.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? No							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
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<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Tim Lenox	Running for:	Senate	District	13	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: As far as I am concerned, the DEP should get at least twice what you are suggesting. Since I am new to the state government, I will need to learn more about the state budget and what is possible. At the very least, you will have my support. I will check leadership or co-sponsorship on those issues of which I have more knowledge or ability, through advisors or personal experience.</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: For the last couple years of owning a condo in Meriden, I have been disappointed that my complex (Lake Ridge) does not have recycling bins. I used them in Wallingford and Hamden and wonder why we don't have them in Meriden. The husband of one of my advisors shared a lot of knowledge and insight concerning this issue. Based on that, I would like Connecticut have a ten-cent deposit to encourage people to recycle here rather than travel to other states and waste gasoline for bottle deposits. I like your idea of the state keeping the unused/unclaimed deposit, perhaps to give the DEP more funding. Glass, plastic, and all types of metal are more recyclable now than in the past due to current technology. As a Conservative, conservation of resources is part of my general attitude in life.</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: The main thrust of my platform is that I want to show the rest of the country how we can grow an economy, attracting businesses, jobs, tourists, and residents, while still living in harmony with nature and preserving the beauty of our state. Growing up in Connecticut is what has inspired me to tell all "head hunters", job recruiters, and consulting firms throughout my career that, "I will never give up Autumn in New England". Although I may not know enough to be a leader in this, I would enjoy working with others to co-sponsor a good bill that will keep our state attractive to those who enjoy living and working in an atmosphere of freedom and natural beauty.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: This is something I think I could lead on because of the policies of my company. I work at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Wallingford and have been impressed with their facility to dispose of toxic waste and chemicals to prevent pollution. They even have an an</i>	Leader

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
5. Riverfront Protection	<p>A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I definitely support this, but do not know enough to lead or co-sponsor. As with most problems and issues, the more we learn about a situation, the more complex it becomes because of all the various aspects which affect it. Hopefully, you have some experience</i></p>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: It is essential for those people who cannot afford cars or high gas prices to have access to public transportation in order to get to work. Rising gasoline prices and limited parking make this increasingly more necessary. I look forward to working with other elected officials to promote this so that our residents can earn income, save transportation costs, and conserve resources.</i></p>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: Supporters of preserving wetlands have a major argument on their side which didn't exist a decade ago: New Orleans. For years, ecologists were warning Louisiana how necessary the wetlands were. Nobody listened and corrupt officials catered to greedy land developers. As a result, Hurricane Katrina hit with full force because the wetlands were not there to decrease its intensity. One of my top advisors has been dealing with the wetlands issue in Middlefield with increasing frustration, yet continuing to fight and not back down. I would like to join with her and others to preserve our wetlands where they are, since the "mitigation" principle of moving wetlands destroys their benefits. This is another issue I want to lead on because it needs a new champion.</i></p>	Leader
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Although I like the idea of a Green Fund for preservation purposes, I don't like the idea of what would essentially be a new tax. The current real estate crisis makes things bad enough and adding more fees would drive people from this state, decreasing tax revenue</i></p>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: First, please divorce the Global Warming argument from this issue. I have researched the science and you do not want to have this discussion with me. That being said, I want to see Connecticut become energy independent and do not like having our energy</i></p>	Uncertain

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?	Support
<p><i>Candidate Comments:</i> As with other topics, you have my support, but I do not have the expertise at this time to lead or sponsor this. Once I know more, perhaps I can help champion removing toxins from both our environment and our products. At the very least, if presented wi</p>		

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

Enforcement --- A common theme in reviewing the above proposals with my advisory staff is the needed level of personnel to actually enforce our environmental laws. Passing the laws will only be the first step of the process. If we cannot or will not enf

Candidate's Additional Comments:

The primary goal of my candidacy is to actually DO the job I am applying for. It is my purpose to show my Republican Party what they have forgotten and remind them what we are supposed to be and what we should stand for. I will not, under any circumstances, lie, pander, or make empty promises just to get votes. This campaign is my application to the people of Connecticut for the position of State Senator and I am acting the same way I have applied for every job I have held. By honestly telling the people who I am, what I believe in, and what my abilities are, I avoid the problem of over-promising and disappointing those who vote for me. Thus, I have tried to be as honest and straightforward as possible in the above questions. If all goes well in November, I intend to work on all the projects I have discussed during my campaign. These are not campaign promises. They are action items for an agenda I want to pursue on behalf of my constituents. Once the people hire me to do the job, we will have performance reviews every two years so that the people can decide whether to renew my contract or hire someone else who will do the job better. In the meantime, I look forward to working with you to improve our state and would appreciate ongoing feedback to be certain that I am doing the job correctly. Thank you for providing this survey. Whether you decide to endorse me or not, your survey has increased the number of action items I have in my agenda and I appreciate learning of these issues.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Gayle Slossberg	Running for:	Senate	District	14	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Given the deficit we are facing, I believe we will need to look at the whole financial picture of the state before making any decisions. I do support increasing funding for DEP and expect that, in the event we are not looking at just cutting programs, I would co-sponsor an increase. I cannot commit to be a "leader" on this issue given our financial situation.</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I have already attended community events to speak in favor of this initiative.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: need more information --</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I may be a co-sponsor or even lead, but it depends on the details of the legislation.</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: I strongly support increasing and improving mass transit, including bus service. My reluctance to check "leader" has to do with the budget as explained in my first answer.</i>	Co-sponsor

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: My first bit of political public advocacy was to protect the Eastern Box Turtle...</i>	Co-sponsor
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: sounds good, needs more research</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: Last time the Gov proposed a DOE, it had no mission and was clearly not going to do anything for the environment or consumers. The CEAB is supposed to develop an energy policy, but that is clearly not happening. Unless there is a much clearer plan, I a</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments: I drafted and passed the most comprehensive changes to our lead poisoning statutes since the 80's. I will continue to work in this area.</i>	Leader

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Candidate's Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Vincent Marino	Running for:	Senate	District	14	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

It is shocking that Connecticut’s Department of Environmental Protection receives less than one percent of the annual state budget. It is shameful how the state’s financial commitment to the environment shrinks repeatedly year after year. For the people of Connecticut, the rewards of having an effective Department of Environmental Protection are definable, immediate and measurable. With cleaner air, reduced pollution of rivers and streams, a healthier Long Island Sound, more of the state’s parks open and operating, improved recycling programs, and funding for open space programs, Connecticut becomes a more desirable place to live, work and conduct business. The consequences of an under-budgeted and under-staffed DEP are unacceptable.

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Candidate:	Sam Caligiuri	Running for:	Senate	District	16	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes						

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I believe that DEP funding should be a state priority. The only qualifier is that it has to be part of an overall budget that I can support as being good for Connecticut.</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: Last year, the only folks to talk to me about this were opponents of the bottle bill, who raised what I thought were legitimate concerns about the impact that this would have on recycling because of the economics of the plastic in these bottles. That is what led me to oppose it last year, even though I was initially intending to support it. I need to be better educated on this so that I can understand why advocates conclude that this would not be counter productive.</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I have supported this effort during my first term and will continue to do so if re-elected.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: I would support this as long as the bill provides a viable and effective alternative for disposing of such medications.</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I support the goal (and can see myself supporting this legislation) but need to know more about the substance of opponents' arguments so that I can make an informed judgment as to whether those objections have any merit.</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: I can support provisions one and two above but need to know more about the third (regarding the burden) before I can make a decision on that aspect of the proposal. At this point, my sense is that I would support that provision as well.</i></p>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I would support it as long as it was enabling rather than mandatory and provided that a municipality would have to go through its normal approval process in order for this to be enacted.</i></p>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I believe that we need a body that is focused on developing energy policy for the state and which can be held accountable in this regard. While I am open to doing so as a separate "department" I would also be open to other formulations as well, as I woul</i></p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: In general, I would be supportive of such efforts. However, I would make that decision on a case by case basis, based on the strength of the evidence that the chemical at issue is harmful and the availability of alternatives to them, among other factors</i></p>	Support

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Candidate's Additional Comments:

I was honored to receive your endorsement during the last election and would very much like to earn it once again.

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Candidate:	Edith Prague	Running for:	Senate	District	19	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? No							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: If such a bill comes up I will support it. Next year looks like a tough budget year.</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: Nursing homes are notorious for doing this.</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Co-sponsor

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Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
<i>Comments:</i>		
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i> Did not provide an answer on the survey.	Uncertain

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Candidate:	Andrea Stillman	Running for:	Senate	District	20	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I support additional recycling programs, but I am concerned about the local grocery and convenience stores bearing more of the burden. We need to increase the share of their costs with them and of course be mindful of how unsanitary this process can be. I would like to see more redemption centers and possibly move it out of the grocery stores and make the centers stand alone businesses so they can handle more of the waste. I would still like to see the municipalities do more recycling at the curb because I believe homeowners would rather put the bottles and cans at the curb than lug them to the store. Recycling in the cities can be a challenge.</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

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Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

Topic	Specifically	
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Uncertain
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I am sure you will be prepared to fight with the realtors on this one. This has to be so well defined as to how the money will be used and it has to be permissive for the towns and cities, and they have to have a program in place. I would also not suppo</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: This is a must in this new world of ours. As you know, we do not need any more Broadwater proposals that would destroy LIS or another precious resource. I believe that proposal was a call to all of us that we have to be proactive and creative in solving</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

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Medical Waste Disposal

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I look forward to continue to work with the environmental community in the next legislative session and believe that my record shows that I am always willing to listen and work on projects that are important to the health and welfare of the citizens. Thank you for this opportunity.

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Candidate:	thomas simones	Running for:	Senate	District	20	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Uncertain

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

developing and implementing the use of alternative energy forces -- Wind, Geo thermal, Solar - etc

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

call me for anything else 860-961-3799

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Candidate:	janice andersen	Running for:	Senate	District	21	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

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**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

I think almost all the issues listed fall under energy and global warming - as a State we need a overall position and policy on energy that will direct all work and decision being made at each level of government

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Dan Debicella	Running for:	Senate	District	21	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Without a doubt, the DEP could use more funding in almost all areas-- permit review, enforcement, and proactive promotion of a clean environment. However, my support for such funding is not a decision that can be taken in isolation. If it were contained in a budget package that was unacceptable to me for other reasons (e.g., a large tax increase), then I would not support it. But within the context of not raising taxes and staying under our voter-approved spending cap, I think we should increase DEP funding.</i>	Uncertain
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I work for PepsiCo, so I will abstain from all votes on the bottle bill as I have throughout my first term. Ethics are of the highest importance to me, and I will not take positions on a bills that will directly and substantially impact my full-time employer.</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I believe the Face of Connecticut is a great program that should be fully funded. I supported it on the Environment Committee, and will support funding it through bonding.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: Medical waste should not be allowed to be dumped into our waterways unless it is proven to be non-harmful. The burden of proof should be on the "dumper" to show that what they are doing is not harmful.</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: Devil is in the details on this proposal-- I voted on a number of versions of this throughout the 2008 legislative session, and it became very convoluted towards the end. I believe this legislation can be passed in a very strong form to protect our river</i>	Uncertain

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: In my first session, I proposed legislation to expand our bus service in lower Fairfield County to make MetroNorth more convenient for those traveling within Connecticut. While MetroNorth is currently very convenient for those traveling to New York City, it is difficult for going to Norwalk, Greenwich, or Stamford. Once you get off the train, there is often a long line for taxis or no other option except walking to work. This lack of convenience severely limits the number of people who consider mass transit. I believe we need to expand bus service to make our rails more convenient, and will push for this again in the new legislative session.</i></p>	<p>Leader</p>
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: My support for this idea depends on what "explicitly placing the burden on the applicant" means. If this is going to harm economic development in Connecticut by adding months and months to approval processes, then I will not support such a bill. If there is something more streamlined and less adversarial in place, I would consider supporting it.</i></p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: While I would support the creation of municipal "green funds", I cannot support the method of payment you propose. Housing costs in Connecticut are extremely high, making it very hard for middle class families to achieve the dream of home ownership. We</i></p>	<p>Oppose</p>
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I firmly believe that global warming is threatening our planet, and believe we need to research technology to reduce carbon emissions. However, a new government agency is not the right way to accomplish this. Instead, we need tax incentives for both R&D</i></p>	<p>Oppose</p>
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: The key word in your question is "suspected". If a toxic chemical is proven to cause cancer or birth defects, I believe we should ban them. But if they are just "suspected", then I would want more scientific proof that they are harmful.</i></p>	<p>Uncertain</p>

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I believe I had three significant environmental accomplishments in the 2007-08 session that were not covered in your survey: 1) Stopping Dumping of Toxic Material in Housatonic River. I was able to stop the DEP from moving toxic material from Milford Harbor upriver to the Housatonic River through a collaborative effort of myself, local mayors, and local community groups (e.g., Friends of the Housatonic). The DEP started to move tons of contaminated material upriver, and I led the fight (both publicly and privately) to stop the dumping. The DEP agreed to stop the dumping, and found an alternative solution to place the toxic material 2) Housatonic Estuary Commission. I also was instrumental in the formation of a new Commission to serve as the environmental guardian for the Housatonic River. The Commission was authorized in 1966, but never actually formed. In the wake of the dumping in the Housatonic River, I was able to get this organization started to be the "watchdog" for the River. 3) Environmental Justice Bill. I was the author of Section 2 of the Environmental Justice bill, which banned consolidation of toxic material in residential neighborhoods. The EPA has attempted to consolidate Superfund sites in residential neighborhoods (and indeed is trying to do so in Stratford), where alternatives are clearly available (e.g., industrial areas, capping in place, or removal to EPA safe sites). My bill prohibits anyone from doing large scale consolidation unless approved by two-thirds vote of the local legislative body-- thus preserving local control for emergency cases, but not allowing companies or government to force consolidation on homeowners. I can forward you more information (articles, etc.) on all of these accomplishments if it would be helpful in you making your decision.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Marilyn Moore	Running for:	Senate	District	22	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Would support not sure of the amount</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

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Medical Waste Disposal

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Anthony Musto	Running for:	Senate	District	22	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Funding is always a problem, and times are tough. We need funding for enforcement and policy, but funds are tight.</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Sounds great. Can we afford it? I was on the Land Acquisition Committee in Trumbull and we bought lots of land for preservation purposes. I don't know what other towns are doing, what federal funds we get, and if this \$100M is available or enough or too much.</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

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7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: This should be a general burden, not specific to real estate buyers.</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: Must minimize overlap with other agencies, though, and coordinate with federal and other states' governments.</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

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**Energy &
Global
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Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



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2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: As the former Legislative Aide for Senator Gomes for two years, I am very aware of this bill and its importance to our community.</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
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9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
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Toxics

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

As the CEO of a non-profit whose mission is to reduce the number of women diagnosed with breast cancer, I have been involved with the battle against breast cancer and fully understand the impact that the environment has on cancer. For this reason, I would champion the fight against toxic waste and cosponsor legislation that has a positive impact on the environment.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Robert Russo	Running for:	Senate	District	22	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
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2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
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6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
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9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

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Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Milton Johnson	Running for:	Senate	District	23	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I think this is simply brilliant!!</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: This is becoming increasingly important</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

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8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: with the current crisis going on in the real estate market, another fee on the transfer of property will keep more people from using the services of real estate professionals, thus making less on the sale of the home. this will also increase competition i</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

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Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Michael McLachlan	Running for:	Senate	District	24	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
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9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

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Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Bob Duff	Running for:	Senate	District	25	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I'd like to see a cleaned-up version of the 2008 bill that would not harm economic development in key areas while still protecting the environment.</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Support

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
	<i>Comments:</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: As a leader in the energy area, I would like to support this proposal, but would have to look closely at the details and policy objectives. However, I would like to work with the League in this area.</i></p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Steve Papadakos	Running for:	Senate	District	25	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: Also need the DOT to own up to train service in our state.</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Leader

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	John Hartwell	Running for:	Senate	District	26	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: This is clearly the most important issue facing the environmental community in CT. Without funding DEP can't do the tasks it has assigned now, much less take on projects they should be doing (like designing and actively monitoring water quality plans for our rivers). I will help in any way possible to increase DEP funding. Beyond funding, the DEP needs active oversight and encouragement to aggressively carry out its functions and responsibilities, and if elected I would ask for a seat on the Environment Committee</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: We also should be working to eliminate/discourage plastic bags.</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Open space/farmland/historic preservation is important but costly; brownfield restoration helps return land to economic use and generates taxes. Ideally we should focus state resources on brownfields and free up local property taxes to support preservation (see municipal green fund response)</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: Medications should be handled like other medical waste and not dumped into the water supply. See riverfront protection response.</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: Our rivers need more than vegetated buffers. They need management plans that address buildups of nitrogen, phosphorous, bacteria, and medical waste. Only the DEP can provide leadership and standards that force towns to address local sources of pollution</i>	Co-sponsor

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: My initial transportation focus will be on upgrading the Danbury Branch Line (installation of a signaling system and initiation of bi-directional service, extension of service to New Milford with three new stations, enhanced parking facilities wherever possible), plus "subway-like" deployment of new cars on the New Haven Line accompanied by increased parking at major stations. I see expanded bus service as supportive of rail infrastructure improvements.</i></p>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: Inland wetland decisions should be based on the best available science, and local commissions are woefully understaffed in this regard. We need a state mandate protecting wetlands and direct DEP funding of resources available to local commissions to undertake sophisticated analysis of development applications.</i></p>	Co-sponsor
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Giving individual towns greater taxing capacity is useful, but reducing the current reliance on property taxes to fund education is more important. If the state assumes a fairer share of education funding then the towns would have more flexibility to use</i></p>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Reducing both public and private energy use is a critical, long term strategic necessity. We need a regulatory body which doesn't reward or facilitate greater energy consumption, plus state investment in and encouragement of alternative technologies whic</i></p>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: This sounds like an area that would most effectively be handled at the federal level, but I would support targeted legislation where imminent risk is clear and federal action unlikely.</i></p>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Toni Boucher	Running for:	Senate	District	26	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Andrew McDonald	Running for:	Senate	District	27	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: certainly if the economy and budget forecasts turn around, DEP is one of the first areas we should bolster</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I generally support this, but would like to find a better way to facilitate the process so more people participate and the bottlers don't reap such large profits from unclaimed deposits.</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I generally would be supportive of some money, but \$100 million a year is a great deal, and needs to be balanced with other initiatives aimed at protecting the environment, such as energy conservation and trying to minimize the number of new cars on the road.</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: This is one of my top transportation priorities, but I think you should also be talking about trains and intermodal transportation options too.</i>	Leader

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	John McKinney	Running for:	Senate	District	28	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: According to both the Legislature's Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Executive Branch's Office of Policy and Management, Connecticut is facing a structural budget deficit for the upcoming biennium. Clearly, legislators are going to have to make difficult budget decisions. We must not let these difficult times further deplete the resources of the Department of Environmental Protection. The DEP is already underfunded and is one of the few state agencies that needs additional funding. I will continue to work toward this goal in the next session of the legislature.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I support expansion of the bottle bill, but continue to believe that we must expand to all beverages. Some are advocating an expansion to just include water bottles, and not other beverages or sport drinks. This would be a mistake.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: This is a very important issue, which I support. We must bring all stakeholders together prior to the start of the next session, in my opinion, to draft language that is workable and will help achieve our goals.</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?	Leader

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
	<i>Candidate Comments: I have already fought to expand bus service; however, I think that we can achieve expanded service within existing revenue available to the Department of Transportation through better prioritizing the DOT's spending.</i>	
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I am not opposed to giving our towns and cities more flexibility in generating revenue. I am opposed to the state telling our towns what to do with their money, however. If the towns want to raise their taxes, then they should also be able to decide how</i></p>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: As a state, we do not have a long range energy plan and we desperately need one. This may be the only way to accomplish this goal.</i></p>	Leader
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Donald Williams	Running for:	Senate	District	29	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: If tied to regional cooperation, governance, and sharing expenses and burdens as a means of saving costs between and among cities and towns. The Community Invest Act already provides between \$25 and \$30 million per year for open space, farmland preservation, affordable housing and historic preservation.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: And rail that's not just between New Haven and NYC. And incentives for plug-in hybrids.</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Support

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Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
<i>Comments:</i>		
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: The goal is good; the approach, as with allowing towns to collect local sales tax, tends to reward the towns that are already better off, have larger grand lists, higher property values, etc. Over time, this town-by-town approach exacerbates the differenc</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: Reluctantly, but I'm not sold on it. This administration has not been able to get decent performance from existing departments such as DOT, DCF, DSS, among others. If this is a bureaucratic extension of OPM, what's the point? If there isn't a greater comm</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

This is not a fair question, of course. :) But if the DEP doesn't have the resources to meet its basic needs, other new initiatives that require some help or input from the DEP will be pretty much doomed.

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Michael Renzullo	Running for:	Senate	District	30	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Preserving our environment and holding polluters responsible is very high on my list of priorities. I've spent my entire life in the woods- hiking, camping, etc., and protecting CT is one of my main reasons for running for office.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: We should recycle as much as possible whenever feasible.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Again, very high on my list of priorities. Brownfield funds are desperately needed in Winsted, where I grew up, and am a Selectman. This is the case in so many towns across our state. However, in addition to state funding, I believe we should make the polluters pay their fair share. For instance, General Electric should be responsible for an extensive PCB clean up in the Housatonic River. These companies made there money on the backs of the population, and should be made to help address the problems they have created.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: They do this? That's insane! I would make it illegal immediately! I'm very surprised that it isn't already!</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: That's the only stipulation- built-up areas. For instance, in Winsted, I think we really need to make our rivers a focal point of our city. Bike paths, parks, restaurant patios... remember, Winsted's main street was destroyed in the flood of '55. The</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?	Leader

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
	<i>Candidate Comments: But not only buses... trains and local light rail systems, too.</i>	
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: We need to be very strict with our wetlands regulation. I am very familiar with this issue.</i></p>	Leader
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: It sounds like a great idea. You may find that I want to go a little further with it, though...</i></p>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: This goes hand-in-hand with my #1 issue. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy are my main issues. Currently, I am the Northeast Regional Manager for American Solar Roof. We design and install solar photovoltaic roof systems, using thin-film solar pan</i></p>	Leader
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: People are getting cancer more and more, it seems. Several of my friends and relatives have gotten it, and many have died. It is our responsibility to put an end to this.</i></p>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
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Candidate's Additional Comments:

Please visit my website: renzullo4senate.com Check back regularly, because it will be undergoing major changes, and all of my positions will be detailed. Your group stands for everything I stand for. No one will be a stronger advocate than I. It is very important to me to win your endorsement. Please feel free to contact me with any other questions you may have.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Andrew Roraback	Running for:	Senate	District	30	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I would want to make sure we don't tax sellers whose homes are "under water" because of the housing slump as this adds to the hardship they must suffer.</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i> It matters in my thinking on what basis the suspicions are founded. I would like us to eliminate the use of toxic chemicals altogether.	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

Many thanks for the leadership and guidance CTLCV provides!!

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	john mccarthy	Running for:	Senate	District	32	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: probably would support but would need to know the details</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: probably would support but would need to know the details</i>	Uncertain

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: again would probably support after learning details</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Vincent Pacileo, III	Running for:	Senate	District	33	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I would have a particular interest to review our present investment in our state parks and to make them more accessible while modernizing their facilities for all to enjoy and experience.</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: There have been successful efforts to collect these recyclable items at curbside whether through municipal or private collectors (single stream recycling). I am hesitant during these challenging economic conditions to levy any additional costs on consumers.</i>	Oppose
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Having read the additional background that is provided, essentially you are requesting a \$1 billion dollar cumulative commitment by the end of the ten year period. It is difficult for me to make that commitment, in its entirety, at this time. That is why you see the "Uncertain" box checked. I would encourage us to dialogue further regarding the amount that is being requested and how we might make progress against the goals you cite.</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: On the face of this issue, support is logical. When reviewing the additional background provided, there is a potential for significant capital costs (sewage plant treatment and monitoring) as well as placing additional administrative burdens on hospitals</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: My primary concern is preserving the local towns regulation of property within their borders and hesitate to allow that power to pass to the State. I do strongly support the reclaiming of brown fields and other distressed areas for redevelopment.</i>	Uncertain

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Before agreeing to an increase in the DOT (or any other budget), I would ensure that existing funds are being utilized in the most efficient and effective manner. As for bonding, CT ranks as one the highest per person bonding indebtedness in the nation. It is difficult to provide carte-blanche support to a question that has "increasing...budget and bonding" as its premise.</i></p>	Uncertain
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: Again, my concern is that local authority is being subjugated to a state law which further raises the burden on cities and towns. I do agree that protecting and preserving wetlands is important, but I am uncertain whether this act, in its entirety, is a proportionate response.</i></p>	Uncertain
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: In my town, Essex, the local government determines whether or not open space is first a priority and second, how to fund (we have a history of saying "yes" to both). The optional levy you are suggesting is not necessary. As your background materials cit</i></p>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I look skeptically at the creation of a government organization at any level (local, state or federal). We should question whether building government infrastructure is the answer to implementing an effective energy policy in the state.</i></p>	Oppose
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: The key to my support is, as stated in you background materials, that "State government can help Connecticut businesses" with the transition. In other words, my support is not solely based on the passage of legislation which may place CTs businesses at a</i></p>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate's Additional Comments:

It is sometimes difficult in a written survey response to fully engage a subject or topic. If you would like, I would be willing to have a further discussion regarding this survey and my responses. My campaign's filing for public campaign financing will be completed by the end of the month. My thanks for the opportunity to respond.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Tony Guglielmo	Running for:	Senate	District	35	Party:	Republican
Mailing Address:	100 Stafford Street, Stafford Springs, CT 06076	Phone:	860 684 4878	Email:	none provided		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? No							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: but need more details</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: but land owners must be compensated</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Uncertain

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
	<i>Comments: need more details</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: need more details</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: need more details</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

[Candidate away on vacation and without a computer. Cell = 860 490 4624]

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Mark Diamond	Running for:	Senate	District	36	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	24 West Trail, Stamford, CT 06903	Phone:	203329-3714	Email:	markd53@hotmail.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I support the concept and would support the position as a leader if there was a provision in the legislation to review apportionment of money on a case by case basis, based upon need and importance to the environment.</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Leader

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
	<i>Comments:</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: It depends on the language of the enabling statute. Many variable to consider. In principle, I favor this resolution.</i></p>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Leader
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: It depends on the language of the enabling statute and the viability of the science used to determine the individual threat. In principle, I certainly favor this resolution.</i></p>	Uncertain

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Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

Thank you !

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Jason W. Bartlett	Running for:	House	District	2	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	14 Highview Terrace, Bethel, CT 06801	Phone:	203-733-4266	Email:	Jaybart1@yahoo.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: It is a shame that State of CT keeps shortchanging DEP...Will work to make Dept. a priority.</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I supported bottle bill both sessions. The time has come!!!!</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I co sponsored and worked on several versions of the Face of CT bill....I also worked with the DEP to assist them in the purchase of Bogus Farm and 4 million open space purchase. I have been working diligently on a open space purchase of Terre Haute for Bethel and Danbury.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: My priority is the Norwalk to Danbury line. We need vision in this area badly.</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Co-sponsor

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Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
<i>Comments:</i>		
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: There needs to be a comprehensive energy policy in the State of CT. The State Buildings by the way have done little to zero to make themselves green and energy efficient. This is at a great cost to the taxpayers.</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

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Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

last question was unfair....there are many priorities.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	James McCauley	Running for:	House	District	4	Party:	Republican
Mailing Address:	140 Huyshope Ave, Hartford, CT 06106	Phone:	860.944.9797	Email:	mayor@jstan1.net		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Oppose

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

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Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Larry Charles	Running for:	House	District	5	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	PO Box 851, Hartford, CT 06101	Phone:	860.888.8330	Email:	larrycharlessr@gmail.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? No							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: DEP too political</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: \$100M is the goal.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: + MetroNorth to Hartford</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: Put burden on them, not on the community</i>	Leader

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: Zoning bonus another option here.</i>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: #1 Issue! Bridge Out Ahead!</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

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**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

Dear Members CTLCV, Thanks for the opportunity to take and return the attached survey to declare my position on conservation. My record on conservation, smart growth and Environmental Justice speaks for itself. As Vice Chair of the Norwalk Zoning Commission and Chair of the Zoning Committee, I presided over the comprehensive rezoning of the entire City of Norwalk at once...preserving parks and open spaces. I am especially proud of the zoning regulation I passed that created a "Water-Dependent/Water-Related Development Zone" along the entire length of Water Street in Norwalk. This stopped forever condo and non-water commercial development along the water's edge preserving the area for businesses and services that require water access. Additionally, for the public benefit, I required a publicly accessible boardwalk for a walking train along the waterway. I am also the first to introduce and utilize zoning bonuses to generate funding for a public good. Although used in the 1980's as a non-traditional tool to fund affordable housing for the poor in Fairfield County, it can be used to create a green fund NOW without any legislative change. I have been a regular Guest Speaker at National Brownfields conferences and was appointed during the Clinton Administration to advise the EPA Administrator on Environmental Justice issues; I chaired the International Sub-Committee. I chaired the Northeast US university consortium providing technical research capacity to local communities on brownfields and other environmental issues. I also was appointed to Co-chaired a national committee along with a Wyoming rancher to advise Congress on improving the implementation of NEPA. I am the author of the section on "Principles and Strategies for Engaging Affected Communities" I led the only Title VI complaint in the United States that was resolved in favor of the community and this 8.5 year fight was the first demonstration that negotiation/mediation is an effective tool for resolving EJ complaints. I was also EPA's keynote speaker at its national 3 day conference on community outreach. I am also the recipient of EPA's coveted Merit Award. I sued the State of Connecticut for 8.5 years and forced the state to spend \$13.1 Million cleaning up the north Hartford landfill so poor and minority resident communities could breathe fresh air for the first time in 60 years! That fight continues. All of these things and much more were done and I was not an elected official! Just imagine what we can do together if I were your

legislator! I expect, the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters will ANNUALLY select me as "Legislator of the Year." I am running again an old machine in north Hartford. The endorsed Democrat is currently under a Grand Jury investigation for corruption; but he has control of the endorsement process. They scratched well over 100 signatures off my petition and kept me off the Primary Ballot by only 24 signatures. However, I am now certified as a Petition Candidate in the General Election to serve as a Democrat when elected. I am fighting to be added back on the Primary Ballot...may not have enough time though to win this fight. The 16 year incumbent was MISSING IN ACTION through all of the major issues that we fought; especially in the battle against the State of Connecticut that planned to double a landfill in her district and her constituents had to fight the battle without her. She and the political boss who is now the endorsed Democrat have been aligned throughout her entire time in the legislature except for now. I am the only candidate in the race for the 5th District State Representative seat who worked nationally in the Barack Obama campaign; I am also the only candidate who is an elected Barack Obama Delegate to the DNC in Denver. We need a change in Hartford too! We need to break away from that old self-centered political boss machine politics represented by both currently certified candidates in the Democratic Primary. I need your full support and I ask for it here. I ask you to endorse me now and begin working to help me get elected in November. Yours For A Better Connecticut, Larry Charles, Sr., Democrat Larry Charles For A Change PO Box 851 Hartford, CT 06101

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Hector Robles	Running for:	House	District	6	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	164 Glendale Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106	Phone:	860-977-5510	Email:	hlrobles824@aol.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

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Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

I am interested in supporting the fight for Environmental Justice so that under-represented groups do not continue to bear the brunt of the pollution created in our state.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Joan Lewis	Running for:	House	District	8	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	48 Antrim Road, Coventry, CT 06238	Phone:	(860) 742-3231	Email:	joan-lewis@charter.net		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: Eastern Connecticut needs transportation for elderly to day care - also we need transportation for pre school readiness programs. Currently, the programs offered for transportation (if any) are much too expensive. Bus Service here is much too infrequent - Perhaps there could be central stations that people could be transported to and then transfer to another bus to the city. I think we need to also address these problems.</i>	Support

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

Topic	Specifically	
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I would prefer a fee collected from Builder's when they propose a new sub-division for such fund - dependent on size of development. As to legislation you are proposing, my concern is that it would allow a fee up to 1% which I believe is too high.</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: Although I am not generally supportive of creating a new agency, I think it is necessary in this case. We must have a group focused on energy issues.</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

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Face of CT

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I chose Face of CT because of the importance to me of preserving Open Space and Farmland and of Smart Growth. I feel very strongly about 3 of your other issues including DEP Funding, Energy and Global Warming and Toxics.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Tim Ackert	Running for:	House	District	8	Party:	Republican
Mailing Address:	67 Deer Hill lane, Coventry, CT 06238	Phone:	860-742-5287	Email:	tackert@aol.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Many of the areas I do strongly agree with. Farm Preservation, open space, medical waste and mass transit I support and would work to improve and support funding. The bottle bills at this time I do not believe are working.</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: Would need to see more substantiating facts.</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: My key support would go to farm land preservation.</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I read the overview and would like to discuss this issue and also hear the opposition to this riverfront protection. I see our waterways both as a natural resource but also as a destination for public and transportation needs.</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: I enjoy visiting Boston and NY City and see how a transportation system can can validate the growth of major cities in a positive light. CT has made feeble attempts at a mass transit system and we need to change that.</i>	Leader

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: At this time I do not support an additional tax on the transfer of real estate. I am always open to hearing ideas that would financially support the preservation of farms, open space and energy conservation though.</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: At this time I do not believe and additional department in government is needed to oversee an energy policy in this state.</i>	Oppose
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I have been an advocate of energy conservation, farm land preservation and lessening the carbon blueprint for consumer products. I will continue to do so if given the opportunity as a state representative.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Jason Rojas	Running for:	House	District	9	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	558 Oak Street, East Hartford, CT 06118	Phone:	860-895-8374	Email:	jasonrojas@hotmail.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Considering the minimal amount of resources, as a percentage of the total budget, that is currently allocated to the DEP budget I would be a strong supporter of dedicating more operating funds for the department so that they can meet the requirements that they have been charged with. Connecticut has made great strides in cleaning up our waterways, the CT River and Long Island Sound being prime examples, and if we want to ensure our natural assets for generations to come then we must dedicate the resources needed to do so.</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I would support this measure fully because it will provide an incentive for residents to be more cognizant of the need to recycle and with the proliferation of non-carbonated drinks and the explosion of people drinking bottled water this is an initiative that is long overdue. Every item that we can keep out of a landfill the better as we are quickly running out of landfill space and this will increase the costs of towns to get rid of their waste dramatically in the next decade. I would also support listing unclaimed deposits under the unclaimed property policy. I had no idea that beverage companies were keeping unclaimed deposits.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: While all the areas mentioned above are important I would focus my energies on allocating more funding for Brownfield remediation. Doing so would help to spur economic development in almost any town in CT but more dramatically in cities and towns with abandoned mills. Remediating mills and Brownfields would assist in the development of affordable housing, would assist in preserving historic structures and would allow for housing development without the need to pave over farmland and open space. As baby boomers continue to age and younger families continue to leave, unfortunately, there will be a greater need for higher density housing that mill development can provide and a lesser need for oversized houses out in the exurbs. We need to incentivize development in areas where there is already the infrastructure to support it and we also need to prioritize dollars towards repairing the aging infrastructure that we already have rather than adding more infrastructure in rural areas which overstretched the limited resources we have now for such projects.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways?	Support

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
	<p><i>Candidate Comments:</i> I certainly support this in measure in principle would support allocating more funds to continue to the necessary research that is needed to determine the extent of the problem and to research potential solutions.</p>	
<p>5. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i> As a locally elected official who has two rivers in town I would support these initiatives to ensure that our natural resources that provide recreational, economic and aesthetic benefits are well protected for future use.</p>	<p>Co-sponsor</p>
<p>6. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i> I would support this because we are beginning, very preliminary, to see a retreat from development practices of the last 50 years in which we have seen a gradual move out to the exurbs back to more dense established communities. With that shift will be the need for a better designed and routed bus and mass transit system. Folks in many of our urban areas do have not the resources to maintain access to a car and their job opportunities could be expanded if there was an efficient bus system to move them between towns. As has been reported recently employers are now struggling with employees who have long commutes and the impact that gas prices are having on retaining employees and vice versa. Also being that CT is close to the size of many major metro areas in the country/world there us no reason that we should not have a comprehensive mass transit system that moves us away from dependence on a vehicle.</p>	<p>Leader</p>
<p>7. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> Too much effort has been put into protecting our watercourse and wetlands and now is the time to strengthen regulations in these areas so I would support these measures.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Municipal Green Fund</p>	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i> I am somewhat leery of applying another real estate fee I see the merit in this proposal. I would have to be better educated on the concept and I recognize the need to provide a funding stream to augment the ability of local governments to raise revenue.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Energy & Global Warming</p>	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i> I would certainly consider such a proposal because we need comprehensive planning in the area of energy policy development and having different agencies and departments influencing energy policy perhaps had fed into the current mess that our energy policy</p>	<p>Support</p>

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?	Support
<i>Candidate Comments:</i> I would need to be further educated in this area but I would certainly support initiatives that help to reduce the prevalence of toxic chemicals that are used in consumer products.		

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate's Additional Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to answer your questions.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Kathy Hale	Running for:	House	District	14	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I have been a member of Connecticut River Assembly for past 4+ years and am very interested in river protection.</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Support

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
	<i>Comments:</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: As one who has served as a Town Council member, I am strongly supportive of this municipal option concept. Towns need additional sources of funds for environmental protection.</i></p>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Municipal
Green Fund &
enabling
legislation**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

I am strongly supportive of all of the concepts listed above. I have limited my "lead" and "cosponsor" choices to those where I believe my background or expertise would allow me to be successful as a first term representative. However, I have broad knowledge of most of the above issues, including my legal background and volunteer activities, and believe I would be a valuable supporter on any of the above.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Robert Kalechman	Running for:	House	District	16	Party:	Petitioning Candidate
Mailing Address:	971 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070	Phone:	860-658-0265	Email:	rhkalechman@aol.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? No							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: No new taxes.</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which **ONE** of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Linda Schofield	Running for:	House	District	16	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I proposed legislation last year to enhance recycling efforts, and included in the legislation was funding for DEP to do more public education on recycling and to hire more conservation officers.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I would like to see the deposit amount increased to 10cents. In my district, 5 cents is clearly not a motivator for folks to recycle, because I see beer bottles on the side of the road in equal quantity, if not more, than water bottles....yes, we must have a little drinking problem here!</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: This is a topic I know nothing about, but I certainly want to protect our water and wetlands.</i>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: What's a real estate transfer fee? Given the uproar over the conveyance tax, I would want to avoid something like that. But I like the idea of enabling towns to collect money from something other than property taxes and dedicate it to open space protec</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments: Beth Bye and I worked on a co-sponosred a bill last session to ban bisphenol A and phthalates, but it didn't pass. We'll go back at it again this coming session.</i>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

REcycling. I introduced a comprehensive bill to promote recycling. It is compatible with the bottle bill. It does things like require that public places have recycle bins, in addition to the trash barrels they now have. It includes a public education c

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I would love to be avtice on several of tse, but know that is unrealistsic. I am active on several health bills as well. So the best I can offer is co-sponsorship on several of these, except for the recycling bill and the bisphenol A bill. I will take the lead on those again.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Robert Heagney	Running for:	House	District	16	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I believe increased funding needs to be targeted to the areas where it can bring about the greatest impact for the investment</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I believe that single stream recycling may bring about significantly improved recycling</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: The State faces an ever increasing deficit and the realities of the deficit or surplus will impact the speed with which this can be done.</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: I would want to read the actual bill before co-sponsoring.</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: The size of the triggered stream I would want to understand better. From your info this would be year round flowing streams of some size.</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: With the increase in gasoline prices the opportunity is present to bring more service in public transportation.</i>	Support

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: I have some reservation as an attorney as to how an applicant prove a project will not harm water resources. The applicant should prove that the project will be carried out in a manner which protect the water resources.</i></p>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I believe we have too many taxes on home transfers and would prefer this was a separate vote on the regular town property tax that voters could vote for. We created such a fund by referendum in Simsbury when I chaired the Board of Finance.</i></p>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate's Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Brett Eisenlohr	Running for:	House	District	17	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Leader

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Timothy LeGeyt	Running for:	House	District	17	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

I can't choose one specific issue or initiative at this time, but consider them all to be of importance and relevance. A prioritization would be based on many factors, some of which would need to be considered at the time of promotion of the issue. To m

Candidate's Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Tom Harrison	Running for:	House	District	17	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: In my view this is the most important issue facing the environmental community as a whole. I will make this a priority and will strongly speak out for it within the Republican caucus.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: In general I favor adding the non-carbonateds to the program and increasing the deposit to 10 cents (although this could be vulnerable in the next session to a "not in a weak economy" argument). I'm open on the equalization of fees issue, but don't know enough about the pros and cons of the discussion. I am OK with escheating unclaimed deposits to the state as abandoned property (which, interestingly, is the source of the public campaign financing), but could live with splitting the money with the distributors if that's what it took to get the rest of the bill passed.</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: These are fine goals which I fully support, but we have to be realistic about funding. The environmental community wants increased DEP funding, steady funding for wastewater treatment plant construction, funding for the Face of CT, funding for the state parks, more funding and bonding for transportation projects, and for lots of other worthwhile objectives. Not every one of these can be the number one priority. For me, as mentioned above, DEP funding is the top priority. I will support this but not if it will come at the expense of more money for the DEP. Unfortunately, we can't have it all.</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: We need to take more action in this area. If the state bans this kind of disposal we have to be sure that there are adequate and timely alternatives available to medical facilities. By the way, is an individual doctor's office a "medical facility"? How</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?	Support

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
	<p><i>Candidate Comments: This will obviously be a tough one, and there are some potential "takings" issues that will have to be addressed. The environmental community should try to avoid getting into a black-and-white, knock-down, drag-out fight with the builders. There are ben</i></p>	
<p>6. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I am a strong believer in public transportation and this is a key interest of mine. As a state we have to do a better job in providing and strengthening public transit, even if this requires diverting funds from some other areas in the \$17+ billion state budget (but see my comments in response to question 3 above). This kind of spending should be a high priority.</i></p>	<p>Leader</p>
<p>7. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: Strengthening wetland protection is a necessity -- just see some of the problems with flooding in the midwest this month. As a lawyer I believe that the burden of obtaining a permit should always rest with the applicant. Administrative agencies like IWCs should have the discretion to consider credible evidence from various sources in matters they are considering.</i></p>	<p>Leader</p>
<p>8. Municipal Green Fund</p>	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: As the chairman of a municipal board of finance I am very familiar with the controversies surrounding the use of conveyance fees as a source of funding. I can support a plan that would provide legal authority for towns and cities, at their discretion and</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Energy & Global Warming</p>	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: The background information you have provided does not itself make the case for the revival of a state Department of Energy, which is the subject of the question. I am not currently convinced that adding another bureaucracy with all its overhead will nece</i></p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I agree with and support the following statements from the background material: "Connecticut, a frequent leader on environmental health policy and a major trade partner with Europe, can maintain its competitiveness through innovation and leadership in</i></p>	<p>Support</p>

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which **ONE** of the issues

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above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I look forward to meeting with the Endorsement Committee.

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Candidate:	Andrew Fleischmann	Running for:	House	District	18	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: The DEP has been woefully underfunded for years now. This underfunding, combined with the layoffs and understaffing that the Rowland years brought, has meant lax enforcement of key environmental statutes and regulations. I strongly support increasing DEP's appropriations. (Given that my legislative responsibilities fall in the area of education, I cannot commit to taking the lead in this area. And I don't co-sponsor many bills for which I haven't taken the lead. But you have my strong support!)</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: While the aims of this program are admirable, I cannot responsibly commit to \$1 billion in funding right now, given the fiscal circumstances our state is facing.</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I lean in favor of this proposal. Before committing, however, I need to discuss with my friends at the CTLCV what implications this proposal would have for existing real estate developments, etc.</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: This concept sounds reasonable. I would be concerned, however, about making sure that the aims we embrace in the area of energy policy would be most effectively pursued by creating a new department. Another possibility might be a new State Energy Cabine</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

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Candidate's Additional Comments:

I believe that increasing DEP's funding should be the top priority for all of us in CT's environmental advocacy world. Proper funding for DEP will allow us to better pursue many of the other environmental goals that we need to in the coming years.

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Candidate:	Thomas Knox	Running for:	House	District	18	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Uncertain

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

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Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Beth Bye	Running for:	House	District	19	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: This is one of the biggest problems for CT. There is not enough staff for effective oversight and enforcement.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I need to understand more about this.</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Co-sponsor

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
	<i>Comments:</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

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Candidate:	David McCluskey	Running for:	House	District	20	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: As you well know, I have some concerns about the efficacy of the bottle law and its expansion. There seems to me to be too much inconvenience as well as high energy costs to both the consumers and the bottling industry. I am willing to raise taxes on water & non-carbonated beverages (or raise the sales tax a 1/4 - 1/2 cent) - beyond the nickel or dime per bottle - for an aggressive expansion of curbside recycling/PR/enforcement. However, I am willing to be persuaded, with evidence, that the bottle bill is the right answer to a problem I do want to tackle.</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Given next year's tight budget, we may have to start with a little less if you are talking General Fund dollars. If much of this is bonding, I would support adding more bond dollars for the Face of CT or making it a priority within the current bonding scheme.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: As co-chair of the Transportation Bonding Subcommittee, I have been a leader on expanding bus and other mass transit alternatives to the single passenger auto.</i>	Leader

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I support a Municipal (or Regional) Green Fund. I MAY wish to consider other funding mechanisms - such as reducing the State's portion of the Real Estate Conveyance Tax or allowing municipalities to collect a portion of the current sales tax generated in</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments: I worked on the Toxic Toys legislation this year with Clean Water Action.</i>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate's Additional Comments:

Besides the bottle bill expansion of which I have reservations that it is the best overall solution to a problem I do want to address, I believe I have a strong environmental record - especially as it relates to smart growth and public transportation.

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Candidate:	Demetrios Giannaros	Running for:	House	District	21	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: Have already lead efforts in the past.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

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Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Eileen Baker	Running for:	House	District	23	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: *please see additional comments at end of survey.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Leader

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

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Candidate’s Additional Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit additional comments to support my candidacy as a strong supporter and champion of environmental issues in the 23rd district as well as for the State of Connecticut. As a 30 year resident of Old Saybrook and serving on the Board of Education as Chair of the Policy Committee I have introduced many environmental initiatives before they were legislated. ie; Integrated Pest Management and Pesticide Application notification. Additionally I have testified before the environment committee in Fall 2006 for funding re the thousand acre parcel and its need to be maintained as open space for all residents in the state to enjoy and to maintain its natural habitat- I am a member of the Old Saybrook Land Trust. I also testified before the transportation committee in the Spring of 2006 regarding the need for extended Shoreline East service on the weekends to reduce congestion on the highways thereby reducing carbon emissions. Important to note: according to the 2006 CLCV scorecard my opponent voted against the bottle bill #5275, diesel/bio #642, public water #313, and several others highlighting her rating of 43% - one of the lowest scores as a legislator in the House re environmental issues. I look forward to continuing to engage my community in conversation on environmental issues as they affect the quality of life on the shoreline and in the state of Connecticut. Respectfully submitted, Eileen D. Baker July 10, 2008

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Candidate:	Tim O'Brien	Running for:	House	District	24	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: It is increasingly clear that many important goals, including this, are consistently set aside under pressure from a state revenue system that is regressive, outdated and ineffective. Comprehensive reform is need to bring fairness to the system and allow the people of the state to achieve the important goals, like this, with which we can all agree.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: The bottle bill is the most successful anti-litter policy measure. It only makes sense to expand it to bottles containing non-carbonated beverages.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: This raises the same need for reform to the state's revenue systems as question #1.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: I think that the basic step is to stop the practice by large institutions of disposing of unused medications down the drain and into wastewater. And I am interested in hearing more about other ideas that can be implemented to address this issue.</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: I also think that municipalities should be permitted to require a fee for large development proposals that would allow the municipality's inland wetland commission to hire their own independent experts to advise them on these proposals.</i></p>	Leader
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I think that a dedicated funding stream is a good idea, and I would like to work on legislation to achieve this. I would suggest that taxing sales revenue on products that tend to cause pollution - like lawn care products, for example - would be a better</i></p>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I think that there should be a comprehensive plan on energy policy and I am open to ideas for the most effective administrative systems to carry them out. I think that this policy should include greatly expanding the resources committed to energy efficie</i></p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

Smart Growth. Our state needs legislation to significantly reform Connecticut's unfair and unsound tax policies and strengthen our state land use planning so that we can ensure stable communities and allow future generations to enjoy the natural beauty o

Candidate's Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Barbara Krazewski	Running for:	House	District	25	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes						

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Uncertain

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Bottle Bill

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	russell morin	Running for:	House	District	28	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I am a strong proponent of recycling and have been lobbied strongly on both sides of this issue. I would be leaning on the side of adding these bottles to the law if the vote were held now.</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Support

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
	<i>Comments:</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

AS my voting record has shown over the past two years as a Legislator and the previous three years before that as Mayor of Wethersfield I tend to vote in favor of Environmental issues. I am truly interested in clean air, water, and utilizing alternative methods to produce cleaner and more efficient energy.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Antonio "Tony" Guerrero	Running for:	House	District	29	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I would need more information on the cost of the addition and where the deposits would be allocated.</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I would support provided the state's fiscal condition allowed.</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: Given the current state of the nation's and Connecticut's economy, I do not believe it is wise to saddle homeowners and home buyers with any further real estate conveyance taxes.</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: I would more information on the cost of operating a new bureaucracy and whether such an agency would be duplicating energy policy efforts already being undertaken in existing state agencies.</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which **ONE** of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Thomas Kehoe	Running for:	House	District	31	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

I look forward to continuing to work with CTLCV next session on these topics together with Smart Growth initiatives and especially preserving open space and farmland. Thanks.
Tom Kehoe

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Kurt Cavanaugh	Running for:	House	District	31	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	<p>Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Funds are tight and they will get tighter, but that will mean more of our citizens seeking recreational opportunities in Connecticut's State Parks and Forests. We have to be sure that our parks are able to accommodate that increased visitation.</i></p>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	<p>Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: The bottle bill works. Since the system for recycling is already in place through grocery stores and other retailers, expanding its scope should not impose an unreasonable burden but it can save space in landfills.</i></p>	Support
3. Face of CT	<p>Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: As a member of the Glastonbury Town Council, I have strongly supported our Town's aggressive open space and farmland acquisition program. The State's role in supplementing our local funding has been critical and I would support expanded funding for such grants. Both Governor Rowland and Governor Rell have supported this program and I would do the same.</i></p>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: This is an issue that I have not dealt with before, and would like to learn more about it. I believed that existing laws regulate the disposal of medications and medical supplies, but apparently not.</i></p>	Uncertain
5. Riverfront Protection	<p>A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I am aware of the efforts to, in essence, extend inland wetlands regulatory protection specifically to rivers and streams. I have supported the work of the Glastonbury Conservation Commission (our inland wetlands agency) to protect both wetlands and stre</i></p>	Support

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: The current "gas crisis" didn't appear out of nowhere. It has been years in coming. I support Governor Rell's efforts to reorganize the DOT to refocus its flagrant highway bias. Both bus and rail transport must have a higher priority in Connecticut.</i></p>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: The current statement of legislative purpose for the Inland Wetlands Act is an eloquent statement of our State's policy. Case law makes it clear that expert testimony is essential to meet the "substantial evidence" rules to support the decisions of a local wetlands agency. Under Republican leadership, Glastonbury was the second town in Connecticut to hire a full-time environmental planner in 1974, and I have supported that position throughout my years on the Council. I don't know what text you are seeking, but case law is already quite clear that the burden is always on the applicant in any land use application (except affordable housing applications).</i></p>	Leader
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Both the need for open space and the benefits of open space are essential to the ENTIRE community-- not just the "new comers." Saddling only new residents with the burden of financing open space strikes me as unfair. Glastonbury voters have repeatedly su</i></p>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Connecticut is the leader in fuel cell development. We can position ourselves to be the center of this emerging technology. Governor Rell has been a national voice on the the issue of Global Warming and I would support her efforts.</i></p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: No one would say that they are opposed to removing toxic chemicals from the environment. The hard part is figuring how to do it without unacceptable adverse impacts on our economy. I would welcome creative solutions to this problem.</i></p>	Support

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Other (please specify)

Will Rogers was right. They aren't making any more land. What we don't preserve in the next 20 years won't be there for a second chance. The cost of fuel has exposed the dark side of urban sprawl, but the only sure way to preserve land --and most equit

Candidate's Additional Comments:

Republicans at the national level have not exhibited the support for environmental protection that we have at the State level in New England. I have a strong record on open space and environmental protection and I am joined by many Connecticut Republicans in that regard. This is not a partisan issue. The earth is not Republican or Democratic. We ALL have to think green.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	David Bauer	Running for:	House	District	34	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: There are many laws that are not being enforced on a timely basis and the knowledge base that we would like to see at the DEP is not keeping up with our changing climate and economic realities.</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I will support increasing the funding for Open Space, Farmland, and improving our State Parks and Forests. I cannot commit to hard dollar amount.</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: I would like to explore the establishment of Light Rail and Trolley Lines that could then be augmented by appropriate Bus & Bike routes.</i>	Uncertain

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: I am not sure that the current laws are being properly enforced. See #1.</i>	Uncertain
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: Although we need to conserve our land resources, I believe that the funding should come from the community and not from a captive minority such as the buyers of real estate.</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: I am certain that I would support a CT DOE but I am very sensitive that such a Department shall be funded from the General Fund.</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

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Other (please specify)

Connecticut has scant natural resources. The rocks, water, and trees that we have, with the proper stewardship, could help promote a more sustainable economy through job creation in local trades and agriculture. Our abundance of clean water is the great

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I support local agriculture and we must create more links between the farmer and the consumer. It is up to the State to craft the infrastructure to make "farm share" programs as simple as going to the corner store.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	James Spallone	Running for:	House	District	36	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: This is absolutely critical and should have been addressed forcefully when the state had a surplus.</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: This should be a top priority to finally get done in 2009.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: This will be in the context of budget troubles, but I will help in any way I can. I support the recent small farm initiative in the 2008 bill.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: I also support expanded Shoreline East service in my area of the state.</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Support

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
	<i>Comments: I generally support this, and voted for the bill in the environment committee. I would need to review final language and case law due to the highly technical legal nature of these changes.</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: As you know, this has been a top priority for me for several years. It appears enacting this will require addressing the existing sellers’ tax in some way and getting the municipal advocates fully on board. They have been fighting a rear-guard action on</i>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: Connecticut is behind in this issue.</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

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Municipal Green Fund & enabling legislation

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

I look forward to continuing to work together on these issues of critical importance to the future of our state. Thank you for your consideration.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Greg Ellis	Running for:	House	District	37	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: The \$100 million is contingent on reductions in other areas and no new tax increases.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: As someone who works in the medical device field and deals with biohazardous material I understand the potential dangers associated with medical waste. Just as industrial manufacturing facilities are restricted in what they can and cannot deposit into wa</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: Furthermore, I support refining housing and land development law to protect sensitive environmental areas. As the amount of true undeveloped space decreases the State needs to ensure that environmental impact is put before other needs such as affordable housing.</i></p>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Not only is a cleaner energy policy good for the environment ultimately by turning to solar or wind power we can quickly and very affordably wean ourselves of our independence on oil. I strongly encourage grants and funding to support all municipal build</i></p>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Elizabeth Ritter	Running for:	House	District	38	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

Hard to determine which one between DEP funds, Face of CT, Transportation

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

This indicates how I feel about these issues. It does not pledge support until I see the specific proposed legislation to be voted on. Thank you.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Jason Catala	Running for:	House	District	39	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Leader

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

I am the candidate that will give CT a voice

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Elissa Wright	Running for:	House	District	41	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? No							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Leader

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Diana Urban	Running for:	House	District	43	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: this has been a quest and the application of RBA totally justifies increasing this budget so I will keep trying!</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I worked on the in NY and I will continue to push in Ct</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I think this is critical and want to organize our small farmers to be a strong voice for this funding</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Co-sponsor

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
	<i>Comments:</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: 6 legislators offered a bill last session that was turned into a study. The bill addressed transitioning CT into a leader in the Green Economy. That study should help us focus this message</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments: the incredible numbers of cancers makes it essential that we continue this battle</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

How can I chose just one..you know we are multi taskers and I realize that we can't get everything done but we need to keep the buzz going on all these issues. I guess Global Warming and face of Ct if I have to choose two..can't chose just one!

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Mae Flexer	Running for:	House	District	44	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	98 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT 06239	Phone:	860208-0429	Email:	maeflexer@gmail.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Angeline Kwasny	Running for:	House	District	44	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Oppose

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Steven Mikutel	Running for:	House	District	45	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Will be a strong advocate in the Democratic Caucus.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Dear to my heart.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: did not answer the question</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: As Vice-Chair I have been advocate for public transit.</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I voted for similar state program.</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

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DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

Hard choice to make!

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Christopher Coutu	Running for:	House	District	47	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Government needs to operate more efficiently. The state and our residents are in a bad position with the "Tax and spend" ideology that has taken over Hartford. I have to learn more about the fiscal situation... If possible I would like to talk to a Rep from the Conservative League of Conservation Voters</i>	Uncertain
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: Supported aggressive measures for recycling since my Air Force days in 1994. We should follow the lead of states like Michigan and Maine, which have extended bottle recycling programs.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I truly believe that we need to support our farmlands, open space and historic preservation program. I also think we need to clean up brownfields for the good of the community. At this time I need to research more data to support any drastic increase in spending for any project. I believe the state has a "tax and spend" ideology that is destroying the state. This may be a plan that has to be funded over a period of time with the fiscal challenges we face.</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?	Support

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
	<p><i>Candidate Comments: We need to focus on a mass transportation. As a sitting Norwich Alderman I am in support of the Intermodal Transportation Center. This will be the start to regional improvement. Also, I appreciate the support of our regional COGS (Council of Governments), which has taken the lead in a master plan for mass transit.</i></p>	
<p>7. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Municipal Green Fund</p>	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I am open to talking to a Rep about this. Anything potentially related to increasing taxes concerns me. Connecticut is the highest tax state in America and many young families, middle class and seniors are moving out. As a Norwich Alderman and a member of</i></p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>9. Energy & Global Warming</p>	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: A master plan for energy is important. As a sitting Alderman for the city of Norwich I have supported expansion of our Hydro capacity.</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	<p>Support</p>

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Bottle Bill

Candidate's Additional Comments:

Great survey... I appreciate the fact that there is references to supportive data. I look forward to the opportunity to sit down and talk about these concerns. Please feel free to call me 860.857.5762. Also, our campaign is going great! We should end up with the highest number of donations for a State Rep Candidate. We also were one of the first campaigns to complete fundraising. I work hard and will do my very best to listen and make a difference. If you do call, please call after the 27th. I am off to Army Guard Officer Candidate School after serving my country for 14 years.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Thomas White	Running for:	House	District	49	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? No							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I want to see if there is another way to fund this program before I would support this.</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Sherri Vogt	Running for:	House	District	50	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: For many years the DEP has gone under-funded. I will fight to increase the funds necessary to ensure proper staffing levels, services, maintenance and new bridges...Natchaug State Forest has been on the list for years.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: As a clerk of the Environment Committee in 2007 under the leadership of Sen. Finch and Rep. Roy I watched the Bottle Bill develop and I will advocate for this bill in all the committees I am assigned.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: While as clerk of the Environment Committee I understood the connections this bill ties together to promote, clean up and market all of Connecticut's regions. We must keep development in the cities and brownfield remediation is key, this compliments open space preservation and the tourism piece of the equation puts people to work!</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: This topic was very complicated in 2007. I look forward to the progress made on this issue.</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I think that local leaders that control through P and Z and Wetland Boards this asset needs to be at the table early so that CCM doesn't fight it.</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?	Leader

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
	<p><i>Candidate Comments: Every day while door knocking in small NE CT towns public transportation comes up and we all want it. I feel it is the number one infrastructure investment we can make as a state to keep young people here, bring business in and lower our carbon footprints.</i></p>	
<p>7. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: If this is in reference to on site waste water treatment so that cluster homes can be built near bogs or backwaters, I will look to Rep. Roy's leadership on this issue.</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Municipal Green Fund</p>	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I support the continued use of a conveyance tax.</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Energy & Global Warming</p>	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	<p>Co-sponsor</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	<p>Co-sponsor</p>

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Arlene Avery	Running for:	House	District	52	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 195, Stafford Springs, CT 06076	Phone:	(860)684-6819	Email:	arlenefavery@hotmail.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: We must have adequate support and staffing to enforce our environmental laws and policies.</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: This expanded bottle bill legislation should have been enacted years ago. We need to step up to increase our recycling efforts.</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Farmland preservation and open space and watershed preservation are of vital concern to me and the citizens of my district. I am a member of a local citizens group called Friends of Lake Mark. We are attempting to preserve a vital watershed property encompassing over 350 acres in Stafford, CT. The property owner wants \$5.5 million for the property and has approached the DEP to sell it. This property is the source of the headwaters of both the Scantic and Willimantic Rivers. We have already had one meeting with House Leadership and have another one scheduled to include the chairs of the Environment Committee. Our goal is to get state and local officials and conservation groups on board to fund and preserve this vital watershed area. I am also greatly concerned about preserving farmland and increasing sustainable agriculture in CT. I am a part time farmer for the Down to Earth CSA farm in Stafford Springs. We need to increase our local agriculture to decrease our carbon footprint and provide a safe and healthy food supply for our families.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: I also believe we should explore enacting a pollution tax to impose on large corporations like Pfizer that pollute our air and waterways in the course of doing business in CT.</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: We have no mass transportation in my district. At different times over the past 100 years we had railroad passenger service, trolley service and bus service. Now, unless you drive and own a car, there is no feasible way for you to get to places like Manchester, Hartford and beyond. This is unacceptable.</i></p>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p>	Co-sponsor
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: In Stafford, our open space fund is not adequately funded. Municipal green fund legislation would go far to protect the integrity of our environment in northeastern CT and throughout the state.</i></p>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Yes. I would strongly advocate to re-create a CT Dept of Energy to develop and implement state energy policies that stress energy efficiency and the development and use of clean, renewable energy sources.</i></p>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate's Additional Comments:

We must become more energy efficient and reduce our carbon footprint. This is a huge issue given our dependency on oil and the rising cost of it. There's so much we can do in this area in terms of becoming more energy efficient and supporting the development and use of clean, renewable energy sources. Also, I have a background in environmental activism. In law school at Western New England School of Law I was a member of the Environmental Law Clinic. I also

served for many years on the Stafford Conservation Commission. Most recently I helped organize Stafford's first environmental fair. It was well received and well attended. We plan to make it an annual event.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Bryan Hurlburt	Running for:	House	District	53	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	15 North River Rd, Tolland, CT 06084	Phone:	860.214.4768	Email:	rep.hurlburt@gmail.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

Thank you very much for making this available on-line! Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding my answers. Bryan

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Denise Merrill	Running for:	House	District	54	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: still think there might be a better approach here.</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: would have to look at impacts to individual towns. I don't want to exacerbate any inequities between rich and poor towns.</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which **ONE** of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

I have some ideas on possible funding source for DEP funding related to a fee for plastic and paper bags. Would like to discuss after the election.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Ted Graziani	Running for:	House	District	57	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	14 Punkin Drive, Ellington, CT 06029	Phone:	860-871-6323	Email:	ted.graziani@hs.utc.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I am concerned about how much more the consumer has to pay out given this economy.</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

Without the required Funding, it will be detrimental for all other environmental Concerns. The State must “step” up to the plate once and for all. Please call me with any questions you may have; Work- 860-654-9490 Home -860-971-6323 Thank you again, Ted

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Kathleen Tallarita	Running for:	House	District	58	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	48 Spier Avenue, Enfield, CT 06082	Phone:	Tallarita58@aol.com	Email:	Tallarita58@aol.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I think we need to step up the states recycling program and encourage alternatives to bottled water. Most people I speak with especially in my community hate to return bottles, they recycle them instead.</i>	Oppose
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: I am working with my community and leaders to step up and get ready for the new train station I fought for in the Transportation Budget. I would love to see CT begin to expand and utilize mass public transportation and we can't start soon enough.</i>	Leader

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Michael Royston	Running for:	House	District	60	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Uncertain

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Medical Waste Disposal

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

Cleaning up the Windsor Locks canal, establishing a canal state park in Windsor Locks.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Annie Hornish	Running for:	House	District	62	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I would support increasing funding for certain projects, using results-based accountability to ensure that the DEP is using the funding efficiently.</i>	Uncertain
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Support

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
	<i>Comments:</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I would suggest using results-based accountability to ensure that funding is used efficiently.</i></p>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I would have to make certain that methods used to find the safer alternatives are effective, i.e., not based on current outdated methodologies but rather on modern methodologies, such as those proposed by the European Centre for the Validation of Alternat</i></p>	Uncertain

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**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Roberta Willis	Running for:	House	District	64	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: there are some depts in DEP that need special attention--like inland wetlands. DEP is just losing ground, we seriously need to reverse the trend.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: Sadly, my district does not benefit from this effort, but it still has my support.--</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Leader

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
	<i>Comments:</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: My advice: this issue is a non-starter. it would never make it to the floor since we just extended the conveyance tax. enabling or not, does not matter. save your energy for something else.</i></p>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: If there were extra funding, it would rather it went to DEP first.</i></p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

The last question was unfair!! I did not want to choose just one. I think I can concentrate on the "Face of CT", inland wetlands, riverfront protection, DEP funding and toxics. Also, the good news is that I am unopposed, so please let me know if there are some stellar environmental candidates that could use my assistance. I would be pleased to help them.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Michelle Cook	Running for:	House	District	65	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Bottle Bill

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

My support of the Bottle Bill would generate revenue to the state at minimal effort. With this being said, it is a difficult decision to chose the importance of one over another. Safety, environment, etc.,they all have a great importance in our future, for not only us here today but or children and our children's children. We need to do as much as possible to improve on it all to secure a safe, healthy place to live and grow.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Anne Ruwet	Running for:	House	District	65	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Uncertain

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: I am not confident that re-creating ever occurs in state government - my concern is that it will create a new entity that expands state spending.</i>	Oppose
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Nick Creed	Running for:	House	District	66	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: As a junior rep I would engage the democratic co-chair of the Environment committee members in an effort to make make these initiatives a priority</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: Stated above</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: We need an aggressive public relations campaign to change the behavior of residents, this issue is especially important to the 66th district.</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Support

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

Topic	Specifically	
<i>Comments:</i>		
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I would like to know exactly how much of a financial burden this will place on homeowners, but I support the creation of a "Green Fund" and I am impressed and happy by the inclusion of the general population in the management of the environment.</i></p>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I would enthusiastically seek and encourage senior leadership to make this issue an urgent matter</i></p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: See #1</i></p>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

An issue this survey fails to identify is the pecking order within the legislation, I would wholeheartedly support all of the issues, but as a junior representative I would have to gradually increase my influence. I know that my vote will be able to effect how the legislations are passed and I promise to work as hard as I can to ensure our environment is protected and used ethically and efficiently.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Stephen Ferrucci III	Running for:	House	District	71	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	3 Yale Ave, Middlebury, CT 06762	Phone:	203 758-2386	Email:	stevferrucci@snet.net		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Seeing that this would be my first term, I would need more info. on complex issues in order to take a lead or co-sponsor role.</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: This one I feel confident in co-sponsoring. People need to be forced to recycle more items than are currently being done. I like the idea of the money going back to the Towns and State. Maybe they can use this money for toxic clean-up, or to provide health care for all. A side plus is that our homeless population can realize more income from those that don't recycle.</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Part of the district I will be representing has a great deal of old buildings. We need financing to clean up the brownfields.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: It's not only medical facilities. The general public has to be educated about not flushing medications down the toilet, as our filtering systems do not eliminate them before the water goes into a waterway, thus affecting the wildlife.</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?	Co-sponsor

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
	<p><i>Candidate Comments: We need to get more people to use mass transit. To do this, it has to be made easier to access. With the price of gas now, many people are looking at mass transit. Let's make it worth it and a somewhat pleasurable experience.</i></p>	
<p>7. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Municipal Green Fund</p>	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Energy & Global Warming</p>	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	<p>Support</p>

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which **ONE** of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Selim Noujaim	Running for:	House	District	74	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: Need more information</i>	Uncertain

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: Need more information</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: Need more information</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

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Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Christopher Wright	Running for:	House	District	77	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Providing a clean environment is a high priority for me, so much so that I mentioned it specifically in my announcement speech. Anything we can do now to ensure a healthy future for our children, I believe, is worth the cost.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: It upsets me to see all the water bottles thrown in the trash at work, even though a recycling container is provided. I see no reason why the bottle bill should not include these containers as well.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I am especially interested in the reclamation and reuse of brownfields and the preservation of our remaining open spaces.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: If there is one thing that the floods in the midwest demonstrait is that water needs a place to go. Wetlands are nature's water purification system and should not be hemmed in or destroyed by development.</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: See question 5</i>	Leader
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I would support this, especially with the \$100,000 exemption. I am just concerned that with all of the fees levied on real estate transactions, including the conveyance tax, we do run the risk of making home ownership too expensive in this sluggish econo</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: The only way to free ourselves from our dependence on oil and other fossil fuels is through conservation and increased renewal energy use. If a Department of Energy can co-ordinate and maximise these efforts it will be worth it.</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Inland
Wetlands**

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Jill Fitzgerald	Running for:	House	District	77	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Uncertain

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: Not with the conveyance tax that was voted on this year.</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Jacqui Denski	Running for:	House	District	78	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I am a licensed Realtor in a struggling market. Buyers are having a hard enough time getting funding for new home purchases and would be tacking this fee into their mortgage and paying 30 years for it. I am very supportive of protecting our open land an</i></p>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which **ONE** of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Corky Mazurek	Running for:	House	District	80	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: DOT has done a terrible job on managing the \$1 billion "garage" in New Haven.</i>	Uncertain
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: I also want the State Inland Wetlands to mediate disputes with "local" Inland Wetland agencies</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: you mean similar to the conveyance tax we promised to sunset?</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

none

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Bruce Zeke Zalaski	Running for:	House	District	81	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Dan Banici	Running for:	House	District	81	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	<p>Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I believe the DEP is probably the most fundamental cornerstone to our way of life. Few people understand its' importance unfortunately. As an advocate of brownfield remediation technologies, I am intimately familiar with the purpose and importance of the DEP.</i></p>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	<p>Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Yes, I think the bill makes sense. I should be able to recycle all plastic, not only the one stamped for recycling. In the end it costs us more to throw it in the garbage.</i></p>	Support
3. Face of CT	<p>Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I like it; however, I think part 3 (brownfield remediation) is by far more important than preserving historical sites, and for a lot of reasons: the longer brownfields are left untreated, the farther contaminants may run from the site itself, and the effects of these contaminants.</i></p>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I am sure a sensible method of disposal can be found, and it does need to pass into law; again, most people don't realize how serious this is.</i></p>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	<p>A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I am not sure how a vegetation buffer is a priority. I'll need to learn more.</i></p>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?</p>	Support

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
	<p><i>Candidate Comments: I am a firm believer in it and it is part of my platform. With current gas prices and pollution, a return to public transport is not only inevitable, it will be welcomed by most communities. So will a return to transporting goods by rail instead of trucks.</i></p>	
<p>7. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: I agree with it, as long as the requirements are reasonable. I would love to have a new factory in my town, think of the jobs. But if the by-product is possibly toxic and dumped into the rivers, then it is the manufacturer's responsibility to demonstrate he has made arrangements or has superior technology to keep from polluting our rivers, and same applies to air.</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Municipal Green Fund</p>	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Energy & Global Warming</p>	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	<p>Support</p>

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Municipal
Green Fund &
enabling
legislation**

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I am a strong supporter of the environment. I have given the answers above without regard for party lines. I have worked closely with a foreign group of scientists and I know for a fact there are ways to remedy brownfields at a fraction of the cost of current commercial methods. I will make the dissemination of such information also a priority. I support anything that is in the best interest of the people of my town and my state, especially if it makes sense and I don't see

commercial interests behind it.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Floresia Allen	Running for:	House	District	82	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: In order to improve the States Environment Funding is a source that is critical.</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
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<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I agree on a Municipal green fund but I would like to see the fee from another avenue</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Mary Mushinsky	Running for:	House	District	85	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	188 South Cherry Street, Wallingford, CT 06492	Phone:	203-269-8378	Email:	none given		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
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9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
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**Energy &
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If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

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**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Vincent Candelora	Running for:	House	District	86	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? No							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
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8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Steve Fontana	Running for:	House	District	87	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
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5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
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Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: I support, and have supported, various efforts to expand and improve our energy infrastructure planning, energy security, energy conservation, and renewable energy development efforts, including considering the formation of a dedicated agency for any or a</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

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**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Brendan Sharkey	Running for:	House	District	88	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	600 Mt Carmel Ave, Hamden, CT 06518	Phone:	203-435-0379	Email:	Brendan@FriendsofBrendan.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? No							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I obviously support all those initiatives, as they a part of an overall strategy of promoting Smart Growth in Connecticut. As a Smart Growth advocate, however, I'm concerned that \$100 million for just preservation iniatives alone will draw funds away from other, equally important aspects of Smart Growth.</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I believe this bill still needs work, particularly in the form of public education. Even with the modifications that were agreed to last session, it still cuts a very broad swath. It needs a complete airing with an opportunity for all interested parties</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: ... and not just bus service, but rail and other forms of alternative transportation, with a tie-in to housing mixed-use development that discourages automobile use.</i>	Leader

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: See the case I argued before the CT Supreme Court (Tarullo v. Inland Wetlands Commission) for a variation on this theme. In 2009, I intend to introduce legislation that will clarify that when a developer has been rejected by a commission on wetlands protection grounds, when he/she returns to the commission, the new application is a de novo review.</i></p>	Leader
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I personally believe that the current \$30 fee on all municipal recordings is too high. Someone with a simple one-page document to file has seen a six-fold increase as a result of this lump sum fee. I think it has hit lower income folks harder than most,</i></p>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: We don't need a new bureaucracy. We need leadership from the governor's office on state energy policy.</i></p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Support

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Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I am concerned that many leaders, including the governor, have co-opted environmental and land preservation causes and repackaged them as their own "Smart Growth" initiatives. While it's easy to advocate for open space preservation in Brookfield (so that wealthy communities may preserve their multi-acre zoning), Connecticut's problems are much broader and more complicated. Environmental and preservation causes, when taken in isolation, create the same "stove piping" approach to our future that has plagued our past. If we really want to make Connecticut more competitive while preserving our quality of life, we need to tackle these issues - property taxes, economic development, transportation, housing, and environmental protection - as key parts of a greater whole. I'd encourage CTLCV to participate in my Smart Growth Working Group throughout this summer and fall as we prepare a package of coordinated legislation for the 2009



Legislative Session.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Vickie Nardello	Running for:	House	District	89	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	8 Laurel Lane, Prospect, CT 06712	Phone:	203-7584219	Email:	vnardello@aol.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

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**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

Just a note. Last year you based your ratings on who supported the overall energy bill without regard for the fact that those who did not support it chose to do so because of the lack of attention to changes in the underlying system. As Vice Chair I not only helped to write some of those conservation provisions but also strongly supported them. It was unfortunate that consensus could not be achieved that would have allowed that bill to adress conservation and minimizing costs. I strongly supported establishing an integrated resource plan that put conservation first and allows public input. Please consider that in the future as you make your decisions. While conservation is an important goal, as a policy maker I must also consider the hardship on Connecticut's citizens in paying far beyond the cost to produce the energy. Profits must be just and reasonable.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	martin atkins	Running for:	House	District	89	Party:	Republican
Mailing Address:	7 woodland terrace, prospect, CT 06712	Phone:	(203)592-4040	Email:	allmarty@aol.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I support the \$5 million funding plan but would cut other programs to fund this department</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: however, I think that the bottle bill needs revision for sales by the case. it should be eliminated in these cases because almost all of those sales are to homeowners who have recycling programs anyway. Additionally, the beverage guys are able to keep unclaimed deposit money which is a total giveaway.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I support the concept but would like to know what is the total current funding in these areas before I support a bill to fund \$100 million annually.</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: A good proposal that may need a little tweeking but 100 ft buffer is not too intrusive.</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: I am for alternative transportation systems that are efficient and self supporting financially. When the State gets involved we will have neither.</i>	Oppose

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7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: seems common sense as to what authority the Commission has to work with.</i>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments: I support this initiative but it is necessary that we do not go on fishing expeditions to ban substances based upon unfounded allegations.</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Medical Waste Disposal

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Peter Villano	Running for:	House	District	91	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	133 Armory Street, PO Box 6703, Hamden, CT 06517	Phone:	203-562-5251	Email:	pvillano@comcast.net		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: While pleased to co-sponsor or support legislation addressing the environmental issues enumerated herein, please note that I normally reserve my leader position for the array of social services and health-related bills that come before my human services committee each session.</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Co-sponsor

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
	<i>Comments:</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Robert Megna	Running for:	House	District	97	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? No							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
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6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
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9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: A great concept</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

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Other (please specify)

Funding for Wildlife Rehabilitators

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Patricia Widlitz	Running for:	House	District	98	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: Have been a strong proponent of Shoreline East Commuter rail for many years- especially when Gov. Rowland proposed eliminating it!</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Support

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
	<i>Comments:</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Depends upon economic impact in the current weak economy.</i></p>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Matthew Lesser	Running for:	House	District	100	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I agree with LCV that the DEP is under-funded and would be strongly supportive of efforts to address the problem.</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: The existing bottle redemption statute does not go far enough. I would strongly support efforts to expand the statute to reflect the huge increase in non-PET plastics we have seen in recent years. While I am supportive of municipal recycling programs, I believe that an enhanced bottle bill is the most effective recycling option as it is less costly to taxpayers and far more effective. It is also the only cost effective way of reducing roadside litter. I would gladly join with Connecticut LCV to help make this legislation a reality.</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: The towns of my district find their character under serious and unrelenting threat. Rather than remediating brown fields, companies and even government entities continue to build on greenfields, destroying irreplaceable farmland and open space, forever changing the character of our communities and our state. As a local planning and zoning commissioner, I see instances of this practically every day. I recently went head-to-head with the Army Corps of Engineers in order to prevent construction of a new base in the middle of the largest wilderness left on the lower Connecticut River. While we were able to dissuade the Army from despoiling an environmentally-sensitive location, we have not been able to persuade them to remediate and redevelop a brownfield. From the state, we need more resources to remediate brownfields, we need more funding for open space preservation, and as someone born into a family of nationally active historic preservationists, I recognize we need more tools to protect historic structures as well. I am strongly supportive of the Face of Connecticut legislation, and personally traveled to Hartford in the spring 2008 session to lobby for its passage. In the legislature, I would champion support for finally funding it and would work closely with the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters to make this piece of vital legislation a reality.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways?	Support

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
	<p><i>Candidate Comments:</i> The presence of medical waste in our water should be a major source of concern, both in terms of protecting human health and in safeguarding ecosystems. I would be strongly supportive of efforts to ban the disposal of medications into state waterways.</p>	
<p>5. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i> In my own town of Middletown, I am deeply concerned that a massive gas-turbine power plant is being built, looming over a previously-undeveloped section of the lower Connecticut River. We need to secure a buffer around our rivers and streams, to protect w</p>	<p>Co-sponsor</p>
<p>6. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i> It can take 2 hours for a Middletown resident to commute by bus to a job in New Haven -- and another 2 hours to return. Getting to Hartford is less difficult, but it is abundantly clear that our bus system in this state is woefully inadequate to the point of near dysfunction. With gas prices at record highs, we need to make sure that Connecticut residents have access to clean, affordable, easy-to-use public transportation options. This need is only accentuated by the geographical separation we frequently see between jobs and workforce housing. I would strongly support efforts to expand bus service. I would also consider expanding support for efforts to make Connecticut buses more appealing to people who currently use cars to commute, including use of Bus-Rapid-Transit technology. Buses can get cars off the road and reduce our CO2 footprint. The private sector has failed to provide effective bus options. In fact, this spring Peter Pan discontinued its last scheduled bus service to my own town of Middletown and DATTCO, the only private option, provides only limited service. The state needs to do its part to ensure broader access to quality bus service.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>7. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> As a Middletown Planning and Zoning Commissioner, I have time and time again seen cases where bad projects have gone forward because Inland Wetland commissioners lacked -- or felt they lacked -- the statutory authority to act aggressively to protect wetlands. I would seek to co-sponsor legislation explicitly expressing the state's commitment to wetlands, allow them to accept testimony from a wider range of sources and place the burden of proof on developers to prove no harm. Had such legislation been in place this year, I am convinced that a number of environmentally dubious projects that were recently approved in Middletown would have been rejected or revised.</p>	<p>Co-sponsor</p>
<p>8. Municipal Green Fund</p>	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i> I strongly support authorizing municipalities to enact a special conveyance tax at their discretion to promote green projects. We need to find more ways to help municipalities pay for green projects, many of which provide long term savings to taxpayers bu</p>	<p>Leader</p>

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: As I go door-to-door in my district, residents continually complain about the lack of any kind of coordinated energy planning in this state. The costs of gasoline, electricity and heating oil come up at practically every door. Voters are savvy enough to u</i></p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: In 2008, students from John Lyman elementary school in Middlefield personally lobbied their state representative, Ray Kalinowski, and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro to address the issue of toxic chemicals in toys. Congresswoman DeLauro listened, and made safe</i></p>	Co-sponsor

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Other (please specify)

While there are many pressing pending environmental issues, I believe that the single biggest environmental issue facing the state of Connecticut is property tax reform. Until we reduce the innate pressures on towns to expand their grand lists through com

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I am a Middletown Planning and Zoning Commissioner, and chair of the special subcommittee on air quality, investigating the effects of local regulations which having the effect of encouraging suburban-type sprawl on air quality. From an environmentalist perspective, not every district in Connecticut is created equal. In some districts, Ray Kalinowski's record might be acceptable, or even laudable. The 100th, however, is a well-educated suburban district where John Kerry defeated George Bush by 16 points, perhaps a rare district where safeguarding our environment is at the top of voters' minds. Politicians of all stripes here need to don the mantle of environmentalism in order to win election. The scorecard number is important, but what is also important is knowing that supporters of the environment can count on a state representative on key votes. The fact is, Ray Kalinowski has sided with environmentalists on many lopsided votes. But on key votes, he has not always been a reliable friend. The data bears this out. In 2008, for example, Kalinowski voted for the global warming bill in committee and on the floor, but also voted in favor of a number of amendments designed to critically weaken it. He also voted against HB 5145 -- the environmental justice bill -- in committee but voted for it on the floor, when passage was assured and his vote was essentially irrelevant. Also this year, he voted against HB 5601, the stronger of the toxic toys bills, a bill you championed. Last year he voted for a last minute amendment to SB 1341 which assaulted an ecologically sensitive watershed by opening a 40-year lease for gravel mining and he voted for HB 7040, which undermines the "due consideration" process for permitting development in wetlands, which should be protected by strict planning and zoning laws. In 2006, he was one of only 38 representatives who voted for an amendment to SB 313 which would have removed up to \$250,000 in funding for an essential study regarding the protection of public water supply sources. I do not intend to suggest that Ray Kalinowski has been consistently anti-environment, just that his record significantly underperforms a solidly pro-environment district. On the single issue that I believe is most important to the question of land use in the State of Connecticut -- property tax reform -- Kalinowski has been virtually silent for 6 years. It is important for the CT LCV to know that on key votes, the candidates you endorse will be candidates you can rely on. I am proud of where we are in this campaign. We have built an exceptionally strong campaign team, qualified early for public funding, built a team of dedicated volunteers and have been going door-to-door for many weeks. As of the 1st of July, we have already contacted more voters than many winning campaigns will have contacted in late September. In 2004, Kalinowski won by fewer than 350 votes. In 2006, he outspent his opponent 5:1. This year, with the financial playing field leveled, I believe we have an

excellent chance. A CT LCV endorsement is important in this district and, in a close election, could potentially affect the outcome of this race. I would urge the CT LCV to weigh Kalinowski's record carefully within the context of many of his votes, also looking at my own environmental record and answers to this questionnaire as a potential contrast.

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Candidate:	Raymond Kalinowski	Running for:	House	District	100	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I am a three term member of the Environment Committee. The personal relationships I have forged with the Co-chairs are very solid. Rep. Roy and Sen. Meyer are good friends and very amenable to proposals that I bring forward.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I am one of the very few Republicans that have supported a bottle bill. I will continue to do so if re-elected and lobby my colleagues for support.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I co-sponsored the above bill during the 08 session. I will continue to support similar initiatives.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: This bill in 08 had some flaws that can be worked out next session. I will support such legislation.</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: Will enthusiastically support such proposals.</i>	Co-sponsor

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: Although I have been lobbied heavily by developmental interests, I firmly support a strong inland-wetlands position.</i></p>	Co-sponsor
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I am for enabling legislation to allow municipalities to make that decision.</i></p>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I voted for global warming legislation last session and will continue to one of a very few Republicans to take that position.</i></p>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Count on me for support.</i></p>	Co-sponsor

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Face of CT

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I have been very proud to have been endorsed by the environmentalist community in the past and will work hard to keep your trust.

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Candidate:	Deborah Heinrich	Running for:	House	District	101	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: This is an area about which I feel very strongly. As Vice Chair of Appropriations and a member of the Subcommittee on Conservation and Development, I was a strong voice for increasing the operating budget for the DEP as reflected in the budget approved by the Appropriations Committee. It is critical for maintaining our parks and forests, for industrial and residential waste oversight, for protecting and improving the Long Island Sound and our many other precious natural resources. It seems that every year, the DEP is asked to do more with less. Without the appropriate staff and resources, how will they be able to do their job? The amount of money we spend on our environment is paupry and doesn't reflect how important it is for our state to be leaders in the fight to protect and improve our environment.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I am in full support of this measure as well as all other measures to increase recycling in the state. I would also like to see more attention paid to waste disposal in general. I am concerned with CRRA expansion of their ash facilities as well.</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: What a wonderful program. I will continue to support it.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: As a scientist, I know how long some of these chemicals can hang around and how detrimental they can be to the biology of the waterways as well as the people who drink the water.</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: I am very much in favor of mass transit. We must have better oversight of the DOT however in light of their recent foibles. Just passing along money is not going to solve their problems.</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: This is key, especially considering how understaffed the DEP is.</i>	Leader
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I have supported this in the past, but have some misgivings increasing taxes on real estate. I am not convinced one way or the other on this one. My mind is still open.</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: That would be terrific. The DPUC definitely needs some better guidance when it comes to making decisions that take into account the consumers of the state.</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments: I have voted in support of these measures in the past and will continue to do so.</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which **ONE** of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate's Additional Comments:

Someone recently said in a speech I attended, "Show me your budget and I'll show you your values". I couldn't agree more. Where we place our funds directly reflects what we feel is important. I value this incredibly delicate planet we live on and will do all I can to protect it, including work to ensure that the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection has the money and resources and expertise it needs to fight the good fight.

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Candidate:	Lonnie (Ms.) Reed	Running for:	House	District	102	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I agree with those who lament that our environmental missions overwhelm the DEP. It needs a serious overhaul to make it more effective and responsive.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I believe in this "global" approach to all things involving the environment, community preservation and development (or re-development) and related issues. I'm a Smart Growth advocate.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: I'm a cancer survivor and active on that front.</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: Huge commitment to working on this issue and, of course, consider it related to issue #4.</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: We need to mine the opportunities presented by our newest energy crisis to push for a mass transit system that truly reaches and serves the people; attracts longterm, committed ridership; benefits the environment and attacks sprawl. The DOT needs to reorganize and re-focus. It's an agency that requires our serious attention.</i>	Co-sponsor

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: This is a huge issue in my district.</i>	Co-sponsor
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I support the concept, but I want to study the language as it evolves.</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: I was an early leader in the Anti-Broadwater Campaign. I wrote the first Anti-Broadwater resolution to be passed by any governmental body--the Branford RTM in December, 2004--then took the resolution to other CT and NY towns. I co-founded Hands Across Our</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments: Again, I'm a cancer survivor. I support the concept, of course, but want to study the details of proposed legislation.</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I see Energy & Global Warming as central to everything else on the list, including Transportation & Mass Transit and the protection of community environmental treasures and public health and safety. I tend to be pro-active on the issues that I take on and will most likely develop a personal agenda that includes a master plan addressing both short term priorities and longterm goals. I've learned that one needs to be disciplined and focused in order to be effective.

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Candidate:	Elizabeth Esty	Running for:	House	District	103	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Connecticut has among the lowest per capita spending on environmental protection -- we clearly need to increase our support for a robust DEP. Given the serious fiscal constraints at this time, such a funding increase for DEP will require cuts or savings in other areas.</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: We are facing a waste and landfill crunch in Connecticut, and we need to engage in a broad, multi-pronged response which will reduce waste and encourage recycling across the board. I see this bill as part of that broader process.</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I support these worthy programs. Given the tough economic times, we should also be looking to partner with local land trusts to help leverage our efforts here. Bonding is the appropriate mechanism as these are long term commitments for the communities and the state.</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: Evidence is increasing that medical waste poses a significant risk to our ground and surface water. A comprehensive strategy to dispose of medications and medical waste (including clarity on best practices for individuals) is important for preserving our</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: Buffers have proven to be vital to the filtration of water. We should perhaps consider whether exemptions for agriculture should vary depending on whether the manner in which the land is being farmed (e.g., sustainable or organic v. use of pesticides and</i>	Support

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Buses can form part of a broader effort to ease the gridlock in our transportation system, improve air quality, and help reduce our overall carbon foot for the state. I would also like to see continued efforts to enhance the rail system along the shore as well as expanding commuter service on the New Haven to Springfield line.</i></p>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: It is clear that inland wetlands commissions should be permitted to consider credible testimony from a variety of knowledgeable witnesses and sources in addition to experts provided by applicants. However, we do need to be careful as to the placing of the burden of proof, to ensure that we have a workable and practical approach which does not result in the burden being insurmountable in practice.</i></p>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: This could be an important tool for municipalities that choose to utilize it. I see no reason not to give communities this choice.</i></p>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Energy is an absolutely critical issue for this state. However, it is far from clear that re-creating a CT Department of Energy is the best way to address this issue, particularly in a time of economic hardship. I believe that monies would be better spe</i></p>	Oppose
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I support adopting such legislation, which has proven to be effective in both California (Proposition 65) and the European Union (the REACH directive).</i></p>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

My top priority would be energy, but I would be focused on a multi-pronged approach of tax incentives for alternative energy, aggressive conservation efforts, and reconsideration of the way energy was deregulated in the state. I would not pursue re-creat

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I have had an interest in and commitment to the environment for many years. (I spent the first Earth Day pulling abandoned tires and trash out of San Francisco Bay with my family, and I worked for the Natural Resources Defense Council in law school.) I would be very interested in discussing at greater length with the CT LCV the environmental challenges we face as a state. There are very real and important differences between me and my opponent across the spectrum of environmental issues.

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Candidate:	Linda Gentile	Running for:	House	District	104	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I will absolutely support additional funding, but I would like to know where/what the money will be used for before giving blanket support.</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I would love to see ALL municipalities offer curbside recycling. Rather than imposing another tax on working families who are already overburdened, it would be nice to offer curbside which is VERY convenient and most importantly...WORKS</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: Absolutely ALL medical waste should be disposed of properly!</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: Although I support protecting and preserving our riverfronts, I need more specific information with all details of the proposal being presented for discussion and consideration.</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: I support mass transit, but mass transit needs to be convenient, easy, available and most importantly affordable in order to work and work well.</i>	Support

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	Uncertain
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: I would need more information before I could give an answer. I am not aware of any specific problems, threats, challenges, etc.</i></p>	Uncertain
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I think I could support this concept but I would need to see specifics i.e. how much is the fee? etc.</i></p>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Theresa Conroy	Running for:	House	District	105	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

As a nurse, a member of the Seymour Land Trust and Seymour Zoning Board of Appeals, I find that many of these issues need to be addressed in the coming legislative session. I look forward to being a voice in Hartford to address priority issues.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Brian Koskelowski	Running for:	House	District	105	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Being a volunteer firefighter, there have been many instances we have need to call the DEP. There have been a few time we had to wait quite awhile for someone to respond. I feel the DEP is underfunded and understaffed.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: Other States have passed similar bills and it has worked.</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I have heard rumors the NHRWA wants to sell land they just aquired from purchasing another water company. I hope to have the State purchase this land and turn it over to the respective communities for open space or possibly new schools and recreation areas.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: I can't believe something like this is still going on. These medical facilities, when caught, should not only have to pay hefty fines, penalties and clean up costs. The employees should be payed by the company to do community service.</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: As long as there is still access to the waterfronts for recreational use.</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: There are far to many communities not accessed by public transportation. I believe if public transportation were available it would be used.</i>	Leader

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: With the number of new homes built in the past few years, run off from rain storms and winter melting has changed, flooding roads and homes. Something needs to be done to stop the courts from over turning local Inland Wetland decisions</i></p>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: If there are safer alternatives they need to be used. We need to stop poisoning ourselves and our environment to save a few dollars.</i></p>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Christopher Lyddy	Running for:	House	District	106	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i> <i>I would also urge that we begin to look at how ordinary citizens dispose of this type of waste. Flushing expired pills, medicines, and other types of waste down the toilet can be damaging to our environment. Perhaps pharmacies can begin offering a safe wa</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Medical Waste Disposal

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	David A Stevenson	Running for:	House	District	107	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: In a year of budgetary constraints, protecting Connecticut's environment should not be placed in limb. I have three points of focus of my campaign which work together - environment, energy and employment. Through creation of alternative energy jobs - which will keep our younger workforce members here in Connecticut as they look to move from entry-level positions to positions of more responsibility - they will remain here in Connecticut. These alternative energy industries and jobs - which will provide longer term benefits than Connecticut's traditional munitions and aerospace / military industries, while utilizing parallel technologies - will put Connecticut on the cutting edge of providing exports of environmentally and financially profitable ideas and materials. We are engaged in a war against non-sustainable energy sources - much the same as the generation which was at war against a different opponent in the 1940's. When WW2 broke out, America's auto industry converted quickly into a tank and jeep industry. Likewise, we now need to make a rapid conversion to a sustainable energy industry. Since Connecticut already has manufacturers in place who have both the manufacturing and intellectual capacity to make this transition - we have the natural capacity to lead the way into America's energy independent future. Some state - or states - will benefit financially from this leadership role. Why not Connecticut ?</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: This is a natural extension of the process already in place for other containers</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Protecting open space needs to be combined with intelligent growth - although protecting open space should always have first consideration in this cooperative effort.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: Medical wastes pose a tangible health hazard - ultimately to Long Island Sound, where everything we put into our waterways ultimately goes.</i>	Leader

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: As long as those business and agricultural areas are reasonably protected - by grandfathering - I will take a leadership role.</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: I am already looking at additional parking at train stations in my district - where adjacent land is currently undeveloped and where there is a lengthy waiting list for parking spaces (Bethel, as an example) and re-extending the line from Danbury to New Milford - which will benefit the towns of Brookfield and Bethel by reducing auto traffic on the towns' roads.</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: I will work with environmental and business interests on this - because their interests run parallel. Our business leaders are also Connecticut residents.</i>	Leader
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I would like real estate transfer fees - and I am a licensed Realtor in Connecticut - dedicated to specific budgetary items. Education and Green Fund fees - on a clearly established proportional basis - will answer critics' reasonable complaints about tho</i>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: I want to be sure that there is no wasteful duplication of effort of federal, state and local initiatives.</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments: We can begin by looking more carefully and objectively at vaccines - which have been "cheapened" with substances which may have a direct link to childhood illnesses and syndromes.</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

This is a difficult question - as all of these issues are interrelated. If I had to choose one to begin with, it would be Transportation and Mass Transit.

Candidate's Additional Comments:

When I spoke with the national LCV about an endorsement, I expressed some dismay with their endorsement of Chris Shays for Connecticut's 4th C.D. Although Representative Shays has a "numerically positive" voting record, he cast many of those votes knowing that his majority (at the time) party colleagues would override his vote anyway. Additionally, he voted for every Iraq war bill - where environmental destruction of the highest magnitude has been visited on that nation - from depleted uranium on down. This is why I questioned the CTLCV member who contacted me about the national endorsements - and LCV's rationale for those endorsements.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	ryan burnett	Running for:	House	District	108	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Uncertain

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Bob Godfrey	Running for:	House	District	110	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: This last session I also began exploring Department of Public Health regulatory powers to protect the overdevelopment of watershed lands still in private ownership. I hope the League will take an active part in this issue during the 2009 session.</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: We must also include more rail service on existing lines, and extensions in areas such as the Hartford-New Haven corridor, Shoreline East, and the Danbury-Norwalk branch to New Milford. I've opposed any cuts to the dedicated funding for transportation projects. We must also lobby the Congress to build a Hudson river freight train crossing both for environmental and energy reasons, which get long-range freight trucks off of the interstates.</i>	Co-sponsor

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I do not support any additional tax or transfer fee on real estate. I opposed the similar state conveyance tax because it makes housing more unaffordable, and it is not equitable because only some taxpayers pay it to benefit all. That means more McMansion</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: First, policy is set by the legislature, not the executive. It is the executive's duty to carry out the policy initiatives of the legislature, not interfere or alter them. Second, more (and more expensive) bureaucracy has never improved the quality of lif</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

Watershed protection as I mentioned in item 5. This could very well dovetail with Riverfront Protection and Inland Wetlands protection.

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I'm very proud of the environmental and energy initiatives I have helped enact, not the least of which are indoor air quality in schools (my personal cause), e-waste disposal (based on work done by the Council of State Government's Eastern Region, of which I am a leader), and this year's acts on Climate Change and Environmental Justice. We have done so much; we can do so much more. I look forward to a successful 2009-2010 session, and working with the League.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Di Masters	Running for:	House	District	111	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Leader

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

As a fifteen year elected official in Ridgefield, twelve of those were dedicated to land use care and protection as Planning & Zoning Commissioner and an Inland Wetlands Board member. I was Vice Chairman 4 years and Chairman -5 years. I am passionate about these issues and look forward to meeting you to discuss them. Sincerely, Di Masters

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	John Frey	Running for:	House	District	111	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I do support increased funding to DEP -- particularly in the areas of enforcement and conservation officers. But they are certainly underfunded elsewhere as well. My support would be certain; I would be willing to co-sponsor or take a greater leadership role -- especially if there is an organized, coordinated bi-partisan effort to get this funding increased.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: In 2007, I supported in the Finance Committee doing just this. My concerns of over-redemption, increased funds to retailer, etc were addressed. I also supported a study -- feeling that that would have been better than doing nothing at all. Unfortunately, that counted against me in last years CLCV scorecard. I come to my decision that if there were water bottles and non-carbonated beverages when the bottle bill was first passed, they would have been included. I support including them.</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Ridgefield has benefited from open space funds with \$4.5 million to preserve Bennetts Pond (now State Park) -- an acquisition I worked very hard on and look to has my proudest achievement in state government. The opportunities are rapidly shrinking to acquire open space. We did so well a few years ago -- we need to make it a priority again. Same goes for brownfields, farmland and historic preservation. We need to act now to preserve higher quality of life for our future.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: While I have read stories of antibiotics and other trace medications showing up in drinking water, I was not aware of DEP's list of possible solutions. They all seem quite reasonable and I would be happy to make all of them a priority. CT has some of t</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?	Co-sponsor

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
<i>Candidate Comments:</i>		
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I have been a leader on this issue -- both as a member of the Finance Committee's Transportation subcommittee and lobbying the Governor and others. We had some success with our transportation bill of a few years ago. Frankly, I find DOT exasperating. It is a very difficult agency to work with -- and I know I am not alone. I am optimistic that the new commissioner (with his mass transit background) is a good step forward. We started a pilot bus program in Ridgefield, believe it or not, taking commuters to NY rail stations (cost is shared between ConnDOT and NY state). 100+ commuters use it daily. Here is a creative way that even suburban communities, bus service can play a role.</i></p>	<p>Leader</p>
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: I worked through the winter with CT Fund for the Environment, water companies, DEP and local leaders to protect watershed headwaters from intense development. We introduced two bills to address the issue, but frankly ran out of time. We knew we got a late start; but are prepared to go full steam this next session. I agree with points 1-3 listed above and would help gain their passage.</i></p>	<p>Leader</p>
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I don't think increasing conveyance tax, or creating a tax on buyers -- especially in this climate, is a good idea. That being said, I think mechanisms need to be put in place to allow towns to set up funds with similar goals. When the local conveyance</i></p>	<p>Oppose</p>
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I need more information, but would be inclined to support. The fact that "No single individual or governmental entity has overall responsibility for energy policy in Connecticut; more than a dozen state governmental bodies have specific energy-related re</i></p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I worked hard on banning MTBE a few years ago. Yes, we should be a leader and phase out toxic chemicals.</i></p>	<p>Co-sponsor</p>

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate's Additional Comments:

Serving in the legislature the last ten years has been a personal learning experience for me. I like to think of myself as being open-minded. I would have to admit that previously, I wasn't environmentally sensitive-- perhaps aware is a better word. About a month after I was elected, a very large plan of development was announced in Ridgefield. I immediately came out in favor of preserving the land (Bennetts Pond, mentioned above) and worked hard through the taking by eminent domain and then getting the state to participate in the purchase (a first). I worked closely with the Ridgefield Open Space Assoc. on that issue and they can largely take credit for educating me (and I have worn their endorsement with pride). I have stated it publicly before --- the one area I have changed since first being elected is being more sensitive to our environment. To the point where it keeps me awake some nights. You have perhaps an unnatural in me. I hope you will endorse my reelection.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Michele Mount	Running for:	House	District	112	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	51 Jockey Hollow Road, Monroe, CT 06468	Phone:	203-209-3132	Email:	attymount@aol.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Funding for the DEP would create a catalyst for many other efforts such as those stated below. Additional, funding is necessary for the implementation and oversight of many of these varied initiatives.</i>	Oppose
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: In my past position as Director of Legislative Affairs for the City of Bridgeport, I worked closely with Senator, and then Mayor Bill Finch on this effort. I would work closely with any other Legislator to try to pass this measure again this year.</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: My philosophy of how to address the growing problem of urban sprawl, economic development that is right for cities and smaller towns, is very similar to the Face of Connecticut initiative. I would be happy to sponsor such legislation.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands <i>Comments:</i>	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund <i>Candidate Comments: I would want to be certain that this is a municipal option and not a mandate.</i>	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate's Additional Comments:

Environmental issues are the nerve center of every major concern facing our world today. Alternative energy, fuel costs, sensible economic development, land use and job creation must all be considered within the context of the environment. We must focus on new green technology, ending detrimental behavior that is threatening our water supply, and implementing an overall plan to create beneficial and intelligent economic growth in our state.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	DebraLee Hovey	Running for:	House	District	112	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i> <i>Am not aware of this as an issue so would do my homework as always and then if this is a problem I would support maintaining clean and clear waters for the State of CT.</i>	Uncertain
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Support

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
<i>Comments:</i>		
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Need to understand the way this would. if it were enabling legislation and then left up to the individual townspeople to determine through referendum then I most likely would support.</i></p>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Bottle Bill

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

also, believe we need to maintain the culture in CT of the equine industry and find a compromise with water companies that allow for continued trail use on their lands.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Themis Klarides	Running for:	House	District	114	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: As always there are budgetary constraints. i would have to see what those would be at the time but i certainly support giving the Department the resources they need to do their job properly.</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: As in the past, i support all forms of recycling but believe that the best way to do this is to make it as efficient as possible. I believe adding more bottles to the supermarkets is not necessarily the way, but i do support the bill. I think expanding the curbside recycling program in conjunction with the deposit program and any other creative ideas we can come up with will help us all.</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: once again, budgetary constraints will be the issue.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: Yes, as in the House Republican Green Transportation Proposal, as an option!!</i>	Co-sponsor

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I like the concept but as we know there is such a heavy burden on taxpayers for their property taxes, and the newer conveyance taxes that it's a little difficult to wholeheartedly go with this. I will however consider this concept but need to speak with</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: I agree with the idea of specific group handling energy issues however DPUC deals with a good amount of this issue in regard to electric and gas utilities so i dont know what is most efficient. We may need to study it a little further to find that answer.</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments: If people knew how many hazardous ingredients are in their daily life they would be sure to lobby for these kind of initiatives!</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Toxics

Candidate's Additional Comments:

The last question was particularly difficult to answer because they are all very important initiatives. i have an interest in the toxics area because i'm very involved in that type of living but the transportation issue is a huge one that needs lots of support and legislative attention.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Paul Davis	Running for:	House	District	117	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: Funding for DEP needs to be increased, but in these difficult economic times it is not a simple task. Will be working on identifying a source of revenue which can be dedicated for this purpose.</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I believe we need to set up a mechanism which will remove to recycling stream from retail food and beverage stores into economically viable recycling centers. This will not only remove opposition to a full deposit-redemption program, but creat new jobs and business opportunities.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: Important to identify funding sources.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: And any other mass transit programs.</i>	Co-sponsor

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: I strongly support maintaining the authority and independence of the Inland Wetlands Commission.</i>	Leader
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i> In line with current scientific research.	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate's Additional Comments:

Our poor economic outlook will require creative initiatives in address environmental challenges. We must look for opportunities to solve problems in a manner which economically viable and draws broad based public support.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Rocco Frank	Running for:	House	District	118	Party:	Independent Party
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I support Clean Up, Abatement, enforcement, and Remediation of toxic chemicals and harmful environmental hazards.</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I support removal of toxic Fluoride, and waterbourne metals from our water supply.</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I do not know enough about this program to comment, but I do support the preservation of farms and open space.</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: It appears that these medications, in many places, are ending up in our city drinking water.</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I support all riverfront vegetation and wetlands vegetation that improves water quality for local fauna, and life in their respective habitat.</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: I do not know enough to comment on the busing system other than to say I hear people complain that buses have too few stops, arrive late, and are on erratic schedules.</i>	Uncertain

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: I support open debates and forums that get useful and progressive discussion on issues. I believe that effective communication is the best way to overcome barriers and objections to these types of issues.</i></p>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Property owners, mired in foreclosure, high energy and food prices, are leaving towns severely challenged in providing just the basic services. This idea is a great idea unfortunately it is being proposed during a period that is riddled with public outcry</i></p>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I do not believe in expanding the government, I do support this idea through the current government departments and agencies as long as it cost effective and not a greater burden to the taxpayers.</i></p>	Oppose
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Fluoride, Mercury, GMO Foods, Radiation, Lead, Airborne Toxins, and like chemicals especially.</i></p>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

Removal of Fluoride from drinking water. See www.fluoridealert.org. This chemical does the most amount of harm to people. Other countries banned fluoride and so should CT.

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Barbara Lambert	Running for:	House	District	118	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Toxics

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Rocco J. Frank	Running for:	House	District	118	Party:	Unaffiliated
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Uncertain

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: Yes!</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments: Yes!</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

Reduction of water flouridation or elimination. See www.flouride alert.org

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

Gentleman checked a number of issues; was not listing ONE priority.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Richard Roy	Running for:	House	District	119	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

We must fully fund DEP; otherwise, none of the other issues will be addressed properly or fully.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Scott Potter	Running for:	House	District	120	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Tery Backer	Running for:	House	District	121	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I think the current bottle laws may be to energy intensive and produce more carbon dioxide than single stream concept.</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Co-sponsor

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
<i>Comments:</i>		
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Cheryl Jansen	Running for:	House	District	122	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Inland
Wetlands**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Lawrence G. Miller	Running for:	House	District	122	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes						

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: No answer given on the survey</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Leader

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Inland
Wetlands**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Cheryl Bochet	Running for:	House	District	123	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments: Need more information.</i>	Uncertain

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Bottle Bill

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	William Stewart	Running for:	House	District	124	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Uncertain

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Cecil Young	Running for:	House	District	124	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? No							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	John Hetherington	Running for:	House	District	125	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I strongly favor a significant increase in DEP funding, subject to a responsibility to consider the state's fiscal condition at the time.</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: As with regard to #1, my support would be subject to a responsibility to examine the state's fiscal condition at the time.</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I support the concept, but i would have to study the actual proposal.</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Co-sponsor

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
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8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

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Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Chris Caruso	Running for:	House	District	126	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: As a Bridgeport legislator, I am especially interested in brownfields and other aspects of this issue affecting urban areas.</i>	Co-sponsor
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: Connecticut is long overdue for large scale investments in public transportation, including light rail and busways.</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?	Support

*Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	
	<i>Comments:</i>	
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	John Hennessy	Running for:	House	District	127	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: The environment is important. DEP needs more money to protect it. It can't adequately staff to fulfill its mandates because it is severely underfunded.</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I would like to eliminate water bottles all together in the state of Connecticut. It's a waste of resources and increases our landfills.</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: As an urban legislator, I am particularly interested in brownfield remediation. I am working on "smart growth" legislation for next session and this is a key aspect.</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: Last year I worked with Rep. Roy and introduced this bill. The genetic mutations occurring with the fish proves we must do this. This is a big problem that needs to be addressed.</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: Before considering increasing the budget for DOT, they had better get their "house" in order and prove to the legislature they can do the job.</i>	Leader

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Leader
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I think this is an excellent concept and voted for it in the past, and will continue to support it.</i>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

With the future of the human race threatened by global warming, I can't imagine a more important issue. We need to eliminate pollution. We need clean, sustainable energy.

Candidate's Additional Comments:

It has been a pleasure being a member of the Environment Committee these past two terms and being able to support and vote for these important issues. I hope I remain on the Environment Committee to continue to champion for environmental protection. This past session, I was able to pass the Environmental Justice Bill, the first of its kind in the country. It is getting a lot of attention from other states that want to duplicate it. Connecticut continues to be an environmental leader for the country, but we have to continue the fight to do what we can to avoid the disastrous effects of global warming.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Lydia Martinez	Running for:	House	District	128	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
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6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

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Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	robert keeley	Running for:	House	District	129	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: DEP funding is important</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Leader

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Jose Rivera	Running for:	House	District	130	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

Brownfield cleanup

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Joel Gonzalez	Running for:	House	District	130	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? No							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: I will look into the City of Bridgeport refusal to close the Seaside Landfill as agreed upon in the Land fill closure Council resolution and signed contract to do so over 10 years ago.</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I am concerned with adding a cost to consumer products. The 5 cent deposit is charged to the consumer upon purchasing good with 5 cent deposit requirement. If the City of Bridgeport was really concerned about recycling, they would have implemented a city wide recycling program and that has not been the case.</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: I support the clean up of Contaminated land, preservation of Farmland for future use in farming (I plant Tomatoes and Green Peppers) and historic preservation. On open space, where do we draw the line? I have issues with communities where single family homes have 1/2 acre or more in land that is not used other than for grass while at the same time insisting on more open space around them. Where do people live or build in the event that the population doubles?</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: I opposed the dumping of any dangerous material in land or water. There are thousands of people who have pet dogs and they walk their dogs and never pick up after them. We have ordinances in just about every community which mandates that dog owners pick</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I'm concerned with having a 100 feet buffer zone on both sides of streams and lakes. I would be willing to compromise on the footage part and I agree that there should be some buffer zone in areas that are appropriate and possible to do so. I work at th</i>	Support

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I'm in favor of expanding bus service as long as there is ridership demand and need to expand. The last thing I want to see is empty buses riding up and down our roads.</i></p>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: sometimes developers don't realize if or when their projects will or has the potential of harming water resources. I feel the states' inland wetland commissions must set standards that developers must meet and make them clear to developers or applicants for projects.</i></p>	Support
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: Not all communities have brownfield issues for example and I would like to see funding going to areas where the need is greater. I would like to know before hand what the money will be specifically used for. these moneys could be used only for open spac</i></p>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I was not aware that Connecticut does not have a Department of Energy, this may explain some of our energy problems.</i></p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I have a daughter with autism. I am against toxic chemicals in our environment, medical products and foods. I am 100% sure that the Vaccine my wife was given played a role in my daughters condition.</i></p>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

As a legislator I don't think it would be responsible to choose only one issue. I intend to learn about every issue possible to be better informed and make the right decisions.

Candidate's Additional Comments:

I have been working as a Night watchman at the Connecticut Beardsley Zoo for 10 years and through out the years I have learned the importance of preservation of land and wild life. The folks at the Zoo have been my best teachers and the programs such as the Lecture series that is offered every month is a great way to educate the public in regards to wild life and the environment.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Chris Perone	Running for:	House	District	137	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I've voted for this bill every year.</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: See comments below.</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
8. Municipal Green Fund	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I am not opposed to money going towards the creation of a "Green Fund" for the good reasons that are outlined in the survey. My issue is with the notion of the Environment Committee (as was done in '07) creating tax policy. It is up to the Finance, Revenue</i></p>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	Co-sponsor

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Riverfront Protection

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

Thank you for sending this survey to me. You'll notice that for most of the items that I selected "support" instead of co-sponsor. It isn't that I have fundamental issues with these policy points. I just want to make sure that if I offer to co-sponsor them during the next session, that I will be able to have the time to be an advocate for them. Otherwise it's just an empty promise. The issue of protecting our river fronts is very important and is something that needs to be taken up by the Env. committee in the next session. Not only in addressing the vegetative buffer but addressing the larger issue of making people aware of their responsibility when it comes to preserving the water quality of our states rivers. I believe we can make significant improvements by getting people to change their behavior(s).

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Ellen Wink	Running for:	House	District	137	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Uncertain

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: Creative sources(other than the backs of property owners)</i>	Oppose
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

Can't narrow it down to only one.

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

The first time I filled out this survey, it was wiped out! Please note that I have a B.S. degree in Biology. Many of your ideas are contingent on a state budget that seems stressed already. There are so many creative answers to the above questions. I'd like to see some current programs expanded and am happy to see the bottle bill under review. Keep up the good work! Ellen

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Kevin Ryan	Running for:	House	District	139	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Leader

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments: I have sponsored such legislation in the past.</i>	Leader
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

**Energy &
Global
Warming**

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Candidate:	Peggy Reeves	Running for:	House	District	143	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: Yes, there will be an upfront inconvenience for grocery stores and liquor stores, but I believe that the long term benefits outweigh any short term inconvenience. My family lives in Maine and we have had a bottle deposit of 15 cents on wine and other liquor bottles for many years. (Other beverages are still 5 cents I think). The only beverages not covered under the Maine law are dairy products. Any unclaimed deposits escheat to the state.</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: This seems long overdue. I hope that the downturn in the economy will not delay such an important investment in our future.</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: I think it would be important to ensure that any legislation allow the discarding of controlled substances without the presence of law enforcement officials and other burdensome regulations. Our town attempted to add this to our hazardous waste day but i</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: This seems beneficial in that it would establish the same guidelines for all 169 municipalities instead of allowing local P&Z Commissions and Inland-Wetlands Commissions to rule in inconsistent ways.</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?	Support

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
	<p><i>Candidate Comments: Yes this is very important. Especially for those of us who live in the Danbury line/Route 7 corridor. The DOT is taking forever to make improvements to the Danbury line. I think public bus transportation would help.</i></p>	
<p>7. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Municipal Green Fund</p>	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I think it is important to give communities as many tools as possible to promote conservation. I would be concerned about the timing right now of another tax on conveyances, considering the downturn in the economy and the real estate market, but I would</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Energy & Global Warming</p>	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I would support this in the abstract, but would like to see more details on any proposed legislation before making a final commitment.</i></p>	<p>Support</p>

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate's Additional Comments:

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Susan Bruschi	Running for:	House	District	143	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Transportation & Mass Transit

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

The last question was quite hard to select just one environmental issue to be a priority.

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Carlo Leone	Running for:	House	District	148	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: generally support, yet controversial options still need further debate to vet out details for best practice</i>	Uncertain
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service? <i>Candidate Comments: As transportation committee member I have sponsored many of these initiatives</i>	Leader
7. Inland Wetlands	Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources? <i>Comments:</i>	Support

Topic	Specifically	Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose
8. Municipal Green Fund	Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “green fund” for communities’ environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Uncertain
9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: already key member of a peak oil committee to review future energy demands and what can/should be done</i>	Support
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Other (please specify)

every and all other issues are derived or based on energy, therefore whatever the new energy fundamentals are or will be, will drive/impact every issue in some way.

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

campaign just now beginning, public funding has not yet been submitted, but most likely will be soon

2008 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Livvy Floren	Running for:	House	District	149	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Leader
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If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue areas to address, which ONE of the issues above would be your priority for the 2009 Legislative Session?

Face of CT

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: The DEP has received some additional funding in recent years. I support increased funding but would like to know how it will be spent.</i>	Support
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: I strongly urge us to expand the bottle bill deposite recycling program.</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: We passed a bill initiating a \$20 fee on all land documents in CT about three years ago for the purchase of open space. I am in favor of purchasing open space and preserving farmlands, etc. but given out economic downturn, I am reluctant to say now that I'll suport additional \$100 million for these items. I would like to know how much revenue this \$20 fee has generated.</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: I don't know enough about this to say. I'm certainly in favor of buffers along the state's stream and rivers but would like to know what say private landowners will have if there are new restrictions with building and development.</i>	Uncertain
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?	Support

Lead, Co-sponsor,
Support, Uncertain,
or Oppose

Topic	Specifically	
	<p><i>Candidate Comments: We gave additional funding to the DOT for expanding bus service in the past two sessions. I don't believe they spent the funds allocated from 2007. I'd like to know how the DOT is going to spend additional requests for funding. In addition whoever is in charge of bus travel should make sure that bus schedules are compatible with train schedules and post their schedules at bus stops.</i></p>	
<p>7. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>Clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts and 3) explicit burden of the applicant to prove a project will not harm water resources?</p> <p><i>Comments: I am totally in favor of protecting our existing wetlands. However, I'd have to see any legislation before committing to a position. I'm not so sure when it comes to reclaiming "old" wetlands that have been developed by private individuals. I do agree with your statement #3.</i></p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>8. Municipal Green Fund</p>	<p>Enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "green fund" for communities' environmental programs (including open space, farmland, parks, brownfields, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, etc)?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: No, we already have tried that in Greenwich and met with great opposition. People are taxed sufficiently with the current municipal and state conveyance taxes. let's take some of those funds and dedicate them into environmental programs. Everyone is scr</i></p>	<p>Oppose</p>
<p>9. Energy & Global Warming</p>	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: ABsolutely essential!</i></p>	<p>Leader</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments:</i></p>	<p>Co-sponsor</p>

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Bottle Bill

Candidate's Additional Comments:

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If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

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1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: DEP is understaffed. We need more regulation and enforcement.</i>	Co-sponsor
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Co-sponsor
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9. Energy & Global Warming	Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state? <i>Candidate Comments: I am inclined to support the idea of a creating a Power Authority, which may also act as a department of energy might with the additional ability to purchase/generate power as needed.</i>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives? <i>Candidate Comments:</i>	Support

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DEP Funding

Candidate’s Additional Comments:

I am concerned about my opponent's push for single stream recycling. Although I realize it helps the trash hauling industry by simplifying collection and reducing collection and transportation costs, it complicates the re-use of recyclables by contaminating materials.

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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes							

If elected, what position do you expect to take on ...

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Specifically</i>	<i>Lead, Co-sponsor, Support, Uncertain, or Oppose</i>
1. DEP Funding	Increasing general operating funds for the Department of Environmental Protection? <i>Candidate Comments: This is something no prospective legislator can answer without seeing the budget, knowing the economic climate at that time, etc... If we have a surplus, yes, I would support an increase in the operating funding for the DEP.</i>	Uncertain
2. Bottle Bill	Adding bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state's recycling deposit program? <i>Candidate Comments: As a co-founder of Greenwich Recycling Company in 1991, I have been an advocate and volunteer for almost 18 years now and support for the bottle bill is a natural extension of that.</i>	Co-sponsor
3. Face of CT	Increasing to \$100 million annually in state funding for the Face of Connecticut initiative - to support open space, brownfields, farmland, and historic preservation programs? <i>Candidate Comments: See "additional comments" for question #1.</i>	Uncertain
4. Medical Waste Disposal	A ban on medical facilities' disposal of medications into the state's waterways? <i>Candidate Comments: Sewage treatment plants have come a long way but are still not 100% fool proof so a ban would be the safe and responsible thing to do.</i>	Leader
5. Riverfront Protection	A statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? <i>Candidate Comments: A few years back we had a somilar situation here in Greenwich along one of our rivers. Some environmentalists opposed a plan like this because it would have clear cut perfectly healthy plants anf trees along the river bank so I would support the concept a</i>	Support
6. Transportation & Mass Transit	Increasing DOT budget and bonding funds to improve and expand bus service?	Co-sponsor

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	<p><i>Candidate Comments: I would support and advocate for public/private partnerships that include things like corporate sponsorship of rail cars and buses. With the added revenue, I would hope and push for lower prices for riders, thus making ridership more attractive.</i></p>	
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<p>9. Energy & Global Warming</p>	<p>Recreating a State Energy Department to develop and implement an energy policy for the state?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: I support this initiative only if we can have a no net addition of employees, thus not straining the budget more than it already is. Again, we need to prioritize and work with what we have and become more proficient, not just look to enlarge the government</i></p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>Legislation to create a process to examine the safest alternatives to harmful chemicals, and to create a gradual program to replace them with safer alternatives?</p> <p><i>Candidate Comments: We should not be trailing Europe when looking to safer alternatives and innovative technology. I would plan on being among those looking to offer tax incentives to European companies looking to relocate here. This would both help the economy, and more imp</i></p>	<p>Support</p>

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Other (please specify)

I love the idea of " Single Stream" recycling. As the leader in pilot programs in Greenwich's blue bin recycling and mixed paper programs, I believe that making it easier to recycle as well as encouraging more items to be entered into the program (plast

Candidate's Additional Comments:



My commitment to conservation is long (close to 18 years) and steady. While proud of my involvement in recycling, I think there is much to be done. I will work to achieve unfulfilled goals with a persistent work ethic, all the while being fiscally responsible to the tax payers of CT. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to respond to your questionnaire. All the best, Fred Camillo

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