



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

Do you support transitioning to 100% clean energy by 2050 or sooner?

Yes

We have the technology and knowledge to transition to clean energy--it will just be an adjustment and will dramatically change certain industries. Regardless, we have no choice but to adapt. For places in CT along the shoreline (if elected, I would be representing Fairfield and Southport), the data on the erosion of the shoreline shows we will lose 20" of beach over the next 50 years. Climate Change is here, it is not "fake news," and unless we take big steps to address it, it will continue to get worse.

2) State Water Plan:

Will you support the plan as submitted to the legislature and affirm that water is a public trust?

Yes

Corporate opposition>water as a public trust? Seriously?

3) Municipal Funding Pilot for Open Space:

Would you support legislation that would allow, but not require, certain municipalities to establish a dedicated fund to protect local open space, farmland and water resources through a limited conveyance fee on buyers of real estate?

Yes

4) Plastic Bag Pollution:

Would you support a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags (or a ban/fee hybrid) to significantly reduce plastic bag pollution in our state?

Yes

It takes over 1000 years for plastic to break down--meaning every single piece of plastic we have ever created is still present in some form. Yikes. I am a HUGE supporter of this.

5) Gas Pipeline:

Will you support the repeal of the pipeline tax established in 2015?

Yes

This is something that I am not as familiar with as I would like to be. I will do some more research, and I'd love to sit down with someone from CTLCV to learn more!

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Yes

Yes! This loops back to question 1. We have no other choice than to move away from oil, gas, etc. and if that means we need to price carbon to truly reflect the impact it makes on all of us and the environment in order to motivate folks, let's do it.

7) Additional Comments:

Thank you for all the work you do!