



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House District 133

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

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

Yes

I intend to continue to work with CT LCV and other stakeholder groups as well as like minded legislators to advance clean / green energy initiatives.

2) State Water Plan:

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

Yes

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

As a local elected official, I have seen the importance of open space for the health and well being of every community.

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

I served as a panelist for the movie Trashed with Jeremy Irons a few years ago for Fairfield's Earth Day Film Festival (thank you, Mary Hogue!). The images in that film have remained with me and I have encouraged dozens of others to watch

the film as well. We must address this global problem with solutions that begin at home and policies that impact systems and incentivize prevention.

5) Gas Pipeline:

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

Yes

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Yes

I have done so in the past via proposed legislation and, again, will work with stakeholders to create a viable program for our state and our region.

7) Additional Comments: