



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

Steve Meskers (Democrat)

House District 150

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

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

Yes

I want clean energy and jobs Connecticut needs a stronger economy for our most vulnerable citizens as long as we don't significantly hinder growth I am on board. Our children deserve a better environment so I will honestly work to achieve that goal.

2) State Water Plan:

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

Yes

Water is a public resource and access to clean water should be protected and not sold to the highest bidder

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

Public space and land conservation are key quality of life issues

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 have voted for that locally and would support it state wide action

5) Gas Pipeline:

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

Uncertain

I am concerned that we meet our energy needs and attract new business to the state would need more info to oppose a natural gas pipeline.

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Uncertain

We live in a state with a very high poverty level. So not sure I want a regressive tax even with strong environmental benefits. I would need more info

7) Additional Comments:

I worry about the environment a lot. I voted the plastic bag ban in Greenwich while serving on the RTM here. I want to see clean energy promotion with out regressive taxes on the the working class.