

Ottawa ACORN's Municipal Platform and Questionnaire

RESPONSES

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OTTAWA MUNICIPAL ELECTION – OCTOBER 2014

EQUAL ACCESS ♦ FAIR LIVING WAGE ♦ INCLUSIONARY ZONING ♦ LANDLORD ACCOUNTABILITY
ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSIT ♦ AFFORDABLE HYDRO ♦ \$10/MONTH INTERNET

This election season, ACORN sent out a nine-question survey to all elected candidates running in this year's municipal election in Ottawa. Out of the forty-one respondents, the majority were in favour of many of the proposed changes that were outlined in the survey.

Equal access to polling stations and the return of enumeration

71% of candidates were in support of a polling station voter density policy, and 58% support bringing back enumeration (door to door programming) to identify eligible voters.

A fair living wage

56% of candidates were in support of a living wage figure of \$14.50 per hour tied to the cost of living.

Inclusionary Zoning

68% of candidates were in support of a mandatory inclusionary zoning by-law. These by-laws are a way for municipalities to use their development regulation and approval process to have developers provide some affordable housing in all, or nearly all, market projects. This is also aimed at increasing the amount of housing stock. Over 90% of respondents acknowledged that housing is a problem in Ottawa.

Landlord Accountability

88% of candidates were in support of severe consequences, such as fines collected by the city, for problem landlords. The state of disrepair in apartment buildings was the single biggest housing-related problem identified by low-income families who rent in Ottawa. These problems are severe and include: massive pest infestations, elevators not working for long periods of time, problems with proper heating, safety issues related to doors not locking properly, and basic repair in apartments that tenants are entitled to but not receiving.

93% of candidates were in support of set timelines in which landlords would be required to do critical repairs for their tenants.

Accessible Public Transit

41% of candidates were in support of free transit fares for people living on social assistance, and geared to income pricing for low-income earners. Public transit is crucial for many low-income earners.

Affordable Hydro

51% of candidates were in support of affordable hydro rates for low-income earners.

68% of candidates were in support of rewards for low to moderate-income families who practice energy saving tactics, such as through discounts on their bills.

\$10/Month Internet

63% of candidates were in support of regulation on major telecom companies such as Bell, Telus and Rogers for a \$10/month internet program for low-income families. Immediate action from Harper could ensure digital access for these families on a federal level, as per ACORN Canada's federal campaign.

Candidates In Complete Support

Michael St. Arnauld – *Mayor*
 Alex Cullen; Brendan Mertens—Ward 7
 Marc Aubin – Ward 12
 Cam Holmstrom – Ward 13
 Colin Pennie; Larry Wasslen – Ward 15
 Espoir Manirambona – Ward 17
 John Redins – Ward 18
 Marc Belisle – Ward 19

Candidates Supporting Majority of Platform (at least 75%)

Craig MacAulay – Ward 8
 Mathieu Fleury; Marc Vinette; Catherine Fortin
 LeFavre – Ward 12
 Penny Thompson – Ward 13
 Michelle Reimer – Ward 15
 Barb Carroll – Ward 16
 Hussein Mahmoud—Ward 18

Your Voice Is Important!

Place your vote at your local polling station on October 27th between 10am and 8pm.

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Democratic Rights

That the city ensure with section 6.1 is enforced (Province of Ontario, Municipal Elections Act) where polls are advised to be present "in buildings containing 100 or more dwelling units". We want to reduce barriers to voting and ensure equal citizen access to polling stations. We want a policy in place where voter population density informs where polling stations go and ensure polling stations are opened from 10am-8pm. A clear by-law would help us all, and include everyone's access to vote. The city should bring back door to door programming to find eligible voters.

1- Do you support our polling station voter density policy and bring back enumeration (door to door programming) to identify voters?

Income

We need a living wage by law of \$14.50 an hour tied to the cost of living (we are revising this calculation at the moment for cost of living increases).

2- Do you support a living wage of \$14.50 an hour?

Housing

Inclusionary zoning by-laws (which are different then density bonusing) are a way for municipalities to use their development regulation and approval process to have private developers provide some affordable in all (or nearly all) market projects. It increases the amount of housing stock.

3- Do you support a mandatory inclusionary zoning by-law?

The single biggest problem related to housing identified by low income families who rent in Ottawa is the problem with the state of disrepair in apartment buildings. The problems are severe and include; massive pest infestations; elevators not working for long periods of time; problems with proper heating; safety issues related to doors not locked properly; and basic repairs in apartments that tenants are entitled to but not receiving.

In short, enforcement mechanisms at the municipal level need to be improved. There should be a more severe consequence to landlords and set timelines in which landlords need to do critical repairs for their tenants such as the city of Toronto.

4- Do you support severe consequences, such as fines to be collected by the city, for problem landlords?

5- Do you support set timelines for critical repairs?

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Services

Many low income earners need public transit in order to survive. We believe transit should be free for those living on social assistance and geared to income for low income earners.

6- Do you support free transit fares for people living on SA and geared to income pricing for low income earners?

Affordable Utilities

The city should ensure hydro rates are affordable for low income earners. Further, the city should reward low to moderate income families who practice energy saving tactics.

7- Do you support affordable hydro rates for low income earners?

8- Do you support rewards for low to moderate income families who practice energy saving tactics such discounts on their bills?

The city should endorse our federal campaign to \$10 a month internet for low income families to help urge immediate action from Harper to ensure digital access.

9- Do you support regulation on major telecom companies such as Bell, Telus and Rogers for a \$10/month internet program for low income families?

	Michael St. Arnaud, Mayor	Anwar Syed, Mayor	Darren W. Wood, Mayor
Q1	Yes, the city should bring back door to door programing to find eligible voters. The access to voting maybe what goes wrong with voters and their turn out in numbers? So, there should be in place a protection, accessibility, and convenient places for the voters. Yes, I support your policy.	Yes for your question, but Polls now open from 8 am to 8 pm.	I do support bringing back door to door enumeration.
Q2	Off course, I support \$14.50 an hour, however, there is another person running in the election offering or wanting a \$15 dollar an hour for a living wage. There are other societies increasing living wages to keep the community economic active in their domain.	This is regulated by Province of Ontario and not by the Mayor. Right now the minimum wage is \$11 per hour. Most of the wages are by market conditions and anything above \$11 is possible as per market conditions of demand and supply of any given skill/trade.	I do support a living wage of \$14.50 an hour for business with more than six people. Mom and pop shops/small business with only a couple employees are already taxed enough and paying more than they have to already for wages could lead someone to be unemployed. So in the case of the small business employee, the current wage is better than no wage which is a real possibility.
Q3	This is difficult to answer, because different communities have different problems to solve for housing. The planning, investment, and the infrastructure support. A direct answer would be to deal with this on a case by case basis. But I do support the idea that you can make a ruling to support a more equitable fairness of affordable housing	Yes	I support the city and private builders working together to provide affordable housings in each new housing development being built. I am not in favour of forcing business to include such housing. I really believe if nudged in that direction, builders will find it to make good business sense to include affordable housing or even become the bank to help low income realize home ownership.
Q4	I know that landlords should be licensed and that is one way to regulate landlords. I know the city will have a higher bargaining power to enforce the issues at hand. The difficulty with compliance is that it takes longer to accomplish. But as a second solution such as increased fines which will make it more fair for tenants	Yes	The Corporation of Ottawa is one of the worse slum lords in our city. If the money allocated through transfer payments from the province for housing was actually used on housing (in whole) we would not see the horrible conditions we presently face. ALL landlords need to be held accountable for their rental dwellings. I agree there needs to be severe consequences for landlords, including the city (through firing of staff) when standards are not met
Q5	Yes, but there are problems of identifying the problem(s) of the repair. The insourcing is one of the conditions of landlords and sometimes the outsourcing is the needed for the repair. Also picking the right evaluation of the repair from a proper person is at the issue. Another issue money supply is at the heart of repair or replacement. So, I see something like a monetary fund so the landlord will replace instead of prolonging repair. In the end, if there is an endangerment to tenants there should be timeline guidance for the critical repair.	Yes	I support a timeline for critical repairs of 24hrs. That in my opinion is more than enough time to get organized, get any parts together that may be needed (if any) and get the job done.

	Michael St. Arnaud, Mayor	Anwar Syed, Mayor	Darren W. Wood, Mayor
Q6	Of course, yes, there have been many accident with bicycles on the roads due to lack of affordability of ridership.	I can support lower transit fares but not free transit except on select days and to promote voter participation, other members of the community do pay for all the services through tax deduction at source that happens from their salary-income.	Allowing select groups to ride OC free is a violation of rights in some way I am sure. So to be fair, I think OC in partnership with Ontario Works, ODSP and the federal version of disability benefits to issue all recipients who request one a monthly buss pass with photo to prevent misuse/fraud
Q7	Yes, the user pays much more than necessary. However sometime it is not their fault. I would like to see a flat rate would be a solution for the consumer instead of users' fee philosophy for hydro.	Yes, the Hydro rates need to come down	YES! If you are a senior with limited income (bench mark to be set with co-operation of housing authority, council and advocacy groups), Ontario Works/ODSP recipient or someone who works their butt off but just makes under a predetermined amount you should qualify for a reduced utility rate. For those living in Ottawa Housing, utilities should be included with their subsidized rent.
Q8	In one way yes, but in other ways some of the responsibility lies on the landlord's responsibility to engage in reduction of energy costs. An example is running on oil instead of using an inexpensive natural gas for heating the place or putting insulations and/or replacing drafty windows	I believe this is difficult to implement and not practical.	Rewarding someone for good behaviour is a slippery slope. Although they should be acknowledged, I'm not sure what could be done within reason and that is cost effective to reward someone. I encourage working with private companies to supply low income families with CFL bulbs, subsidized high energy furnaces and whatever else would make a difference in the utility bills.
Q9	Yes, although I do pay a ten dollar voucher with Fido but because there is time limit on using the phone. That should be a non-stop talking on their service.	No, I believe that such practice is out of sync with free availability of WiFi everywhere.	I do think there should be a benchmark set as to what qualifies you for such a discounted service. But if someone meets that benchmark, I think they should indeed be able to get cheap internet so long as they realize that the package would not be as great as someone paying the regular rate (missing perks might include unlimited internet downloading & top end internet speeds).
Other			

	Jennifer Robitaille, Ward 1	Bob Monette, Ward 1
Q1	No	Yes, I do support enumeration door to door programming. I find that our present lists are outdated and this should be done at least once every second election to keep our list more accurate.
Q2	Yes	As far as the living wage at \$14.50, I support having the dialogue to have more discussions on this. It has to be in consideration with the whole City of Ottawa budget and how it will affect it before I can agree to this however I am open to having dialogue on this.
Q3	Yes	No I do not support it.
Q4	Yes	Yes I support stricter consequences than we presently have and I do support timelines for critical repairs.
Q5	Yes	Yes
Q6	No. I would support a complete review of transit fares and find ways to reduce them overall and not just for one sector of the population.	No, I do not support free transit fares for those on social assistance. The City already offers discounted passes and this to me is a fair measure
Q7	No	No, I support the current process that we have in place.
Q8	No	I am open to looking at incentives where people practice energy saving tactics.
Q9	No	This is a Federal responsibility and I do not believe that the City should interfere with that process.
Other		

	Marianne Wilkinson, Ward 4
Q1	The voting list is done by a provincial agency, MPAC so this should be addressed to them.
Q2	I support the province, which sets the minimum wage, in making increases as the cost of living increases.
Q3	I support investigating this type of zoning to see if it can be done in Ontario and how it would be implemented. We need affordable housing in Ottawa
Q4	This is already in the bylaw and needs to be followed in such cases.
Q5	This would be useful.
Q6	No. The transit system needs income to provide service. Any free service can be provided through the social assistance programs and that's where it should be provided.
Q7	There is support for items that provide energy savings – which reduces the bill. There is some relief available but it should be through assistance and not by changing rates.
Q8	There bill will be lower due to the savings. This would be very difficult to put in place so assistance should be for the energy saving costs and not on the bill.
Q9	This should be pursued further with the regulatory authorities as it would help many.
Other	

	Alex Cullen, Ward 7	Brendan Mertens, Ward 7	Trevor Robinson, Ward 7	Mark Taylor, Ward 7
Q1	Yes and Yes; voter turnout suffers, we need more access in buildings	Yes. It's a great way to get feedback from those in the community.	I support having easy & equal access to polling stations. I believe buildings, especially those with residents who are elderly and/or mobility impaired, should have a polling station located within the building. That being said, no program is perfect, there will always be errors or inconsistencies in voters' lists. with residents who are elderly and/or mobility impaired, should have a polling station located within the building.	I believe the current city policy is sufficient to locate polling stations conveniently based on population density while also accounting for geographic and demographic realities. While I am not in favour of the costs or accuracy issues associated with door to door enumeration I do believe a better job can be done of ensuring people are aware of how to check online if they are on the voters list and adding themselves if they are absent.
Q2	Yes	As long as the Cost of Living doesn't go up. It's always a great idea to help those working jobs that pay minimum wage.	I do not hold a PhD in economics, but I do believe everyone deserves the opportunity to work to earn a good income. I am concerned however, of what the result will be should the province raise the minimum wage to that level. Not withstanding environmental and other factors, this will greatly impact labour costs on businesses including farmers & grocery stores therefore driving up the cost of food and other necessities. Furthermore, in order to save costs, businesses may then decide to not give raises to higher employees at a higher rate of pay and higher income tax rate. In turn, those higher income earners won't have as much discretionary funds therefore purchasing less, potentially resulting in job losses in sectors such as retail, which typically pays at or near minimum wage.	I am not supportive of the City attempting to take this action as it has no role in setting wage limits. This is the authority of the province. I also believe that the province should have care of this issue for specific reasons, 1. Inequity in local municipal minimum wages could lead to unintended migrations (i.e. people moving from a non living wage city to a living wage city), this puts a startup pressure on the receiving municipality and does not incent the originating municipality to similarly invoke such a wage. 2. The province has the ability to help businesses offset wage increase pressures with targeted tax incentives. The city does not have this ability. This is the primary way in which any wage change could be accommodated without the likely possibility that employers would lay off staff in order to pay fewer people the same total amount of payroll.
Q3	Yes- We never meeting housing targets, this would help	Yes	I believe that the location of affordable housing shouldn't be mandatory in all new developments, but should instead be on a case by case basis, or a variation thereof. For example, it simply would not make sense for a new development in a rural portion of the city (where transit services would not exist for a decade let's say) to have a forced component of affordable housing. ACORN's own wording in the preamble to question six below, "many low income earners need public transit in order to survive" would be in line with my response on development.	No. I do support working with the development community however within the framework of our affordable housing and homelessness plan to further expand these opportunities and others voluntarily. There are many opportunities we can collaborate on with the business community in years to come to creatively tackle our problems as a community rather than trying to legislate this.

	Alex Cullen, Ward 7	Brendan Mertens, Ward 7	Trevor Robinson, Ward 7	Mark Taylor, Ward 7
Q4	Yes	I do support this as there are some shady landlords taking advantage of those who don't know their tenant rights.	I believe that all residents, owners or tenants, should have repairs completed in a timely fashion. However, I am undecided as to whether another program of fines is the solution. I further believe that all residents, owners or tenants, share an approximately equal responsibility in proper maintenance and upkeep. For example, it is unfair to penalize a landlord or other residents when one or more residents fails to keep their unit clean, which in turn unnaturally attracts pests. As a further example, if a building's heating system is compromised by a form of neglect on the part of a tenant, such repairs should not be at the cost of the landlord.	Yes; landlord grading system, easily digestible to consumers- like restaurants
Q5	Yes	Yes. This is essential.	I support a rough framework to provide guidance so that critical repairs are completed in a timely manner, while allowing for flexibility. For example, it would be unfair to mandate that	Yes- open to series of levels of repairs-repeat offenders should be tracked; what is the definition of adequate and fixed
Q6	Yes and to start, I will extend the community pass to OW (only ODSP now)	Yes. People who live off disability or who are seniors should have the right to free public transit. They should not be limited in their travels due to the lack of government funding.	No, I do not believe that transit should be free. Transit is a service and accordingly there are fees for those who use a service. Transit is already one of the largest components on municipal tax bills and providing such a free option would either unnecessarily increase the tax burden or fee rates and therefore be unfair to other residents/users. The above being said, I am not opposed to exploring discounting option(s).	No, however I do support an effort to have social assistance rates raised so they adequately address the wide variety of household needs. Those needing more for transit would then benefit as would those who might have no need for a free transit pass but who could benefit from another support.

	Alex Cullen, Ward 7	Brendan Mertens, Ward 7	Trevor Robinson, Ward 7	Mark Taylor, Ward 7
Q7	Yes-raising rates is regressive and hurts low income earners more since they actually pay less in proportion of their income (higher income earners)	Yes. I do support this as I came from poverty.	I support lower energy rates and/or discounts, as feasible, for any and all users who use energy saving methods, regardless of income.	No, however I do support an effort to have social assistance rates raised so they adequately address the wide variety of household needs. Those needing more for utilities would then benefit as would those who might have no need for reduced utility costs but who could benefit from another support.
Q8	Yes-should get a tax break; I want to see Ottawa Community Housing put solar panels on the buildings	Ottawa needs to reward those who are trying to make this city greener. We need to lead by example.	I support lower energy rates and/or discounts, as feasible, for any and all users who use energy saving methods, regardless of income.	I support rewarding any ratepayer who practices energy saving tactics.
Q9	Yes- Supports a lobby for this; Supports cheaper phones as well	Yes. Coming from poverty, I never had the Internet for the longest time. It really hindered me when applying for universities and colleges.	I believe that everyone should have affordable internet access. However, I would suspect that a \$10/month rate would be for a basic internet access, with restricted bandwidth for example. Should someone wish to have premium levels of access, I would suspect that the rates would be higher.	No, these firms will simply offset the effect of that cost onto other customers. In addition verifying low income status in public in a retail setting when purchasing service is not a reasonable expectation of a client or company. I would (as above) prefer to see consideration for internet access as a basic utility factored within a general increase to social assistance rates.
Other				

Non-responsive: George Guirguis, Michael Pastien

	Craig MacAulay, Ward 8
Q1	YES of course.
Q2	NO! \$15/h or even more seems reasonable to me
Q3	I THINK I do, but I need more info.
Q4	Yup
Q5	It seems like a positive suggestion
Q6	I'm in favour of making public transit FREE for everyone. It seems like a wacky idea but it's NOT
Q7	I support affordable hydro rates for everyone
Q8	Yup
Q9	This is my FAVOURITE ACORN idea – keep up the good work! http://bellscorners.wordpress.com/my-election-promises
Other	

	Marc Aubin, Ward 12	Mathieu Fleury, Ward 12	Marc Vinette, Ward 12	Catherine Fortin LeFavre, Ward 12
Q1	<p>I would be in favour of having a closer look at the distribution of polling stations and ensuring that no resident is greater than a minimum distance away from a polling station and that special consideration should be given to buildings with more than 100 dwelling units particularly if those buildings are located in a semi-isolated area. In other areas downtown, there will be many buildings side by side each of which is greater than 100 units and I do not believe in these situations that a poll would be required in each of those buildings. In order to comment on door-door enumeration I would need to know more about the current problems and the effectiveness of door-door enumeration. I do believe the City should make efforts to inform more people about how to exercise their right to vote.</p>	<p>Yes, I am supportive. It is important that all residents have easy and public access to voting polls in their communities. We need to work with residents to identify potential obstacles and ways to encourage higher voter turnout. It is important that all residents are engaged in the democratic process.</p>	<p>I absolutely support it.</p>	<p>Yes. The fact that the last municipal election only had a 37% turnout should be an alarm bell. Clearly many voters are disengaged. Making voting more accessible is a step in the right direction. I also support bringing back enumeration.</p>
Q2	<p>Yes I do support such a living wage. I believe that working people should receive wages that enable them to support themselves and their basic needs. I am concerned by the ever increasing gap between the costs of living and the income of minimum wage earners.</p>	<p>Yes, I am supportive. It is important that all residents are successful and that minimum wages are high enough to ensure that residents are able to live well and happy lives. .</p>	<p>I support a living wage, anything else is de facto slavery. Is \$14.50 the right figure? Maybe... There are knock on effects of raising minimum wage that can be very onerous for small businesses. Ironically, large conglomerates are much more able to absorb higher payroll costs. I favour an inclusive, open discussion before committing to a specific increase.</p>	<p>Yes. It is a provincial issue but I would advocate for it.</p>
Q3	<p>Providing more affordable housing is one of our biggest challenges as a city and I believe that a whole range of approaches are going to be needed to solve it. These include more social housing, more non-profit housing, and ways to involve the development community. I believe inclusionary zoning could be one of the tools used to involve the development community and I would like to press the City of Ottawa to pursue this option further.</p>	<p>Yes, I am supportive. It is important that we provide a mixture of housing within development projects. Currently, the City can use both Section 37 community benefits and development charges to build additional affordable housing in our communities. I will work with our provincial partners to make necessary changes to the Planning Act to allow for more inclusionary zoning in new projects.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes. Let's learn from other cities that have this law in place, such as New York City. The City of Ottawa clearly needs more tools to create more affordable housing. However, we should look for additional creative ways to meet housing demands that don't involve regulations.</p>

	Marc Aubin, Ward 12	Mathieu Fleury, Ward 12	Marc Vinette, Ward 12	Catherine Fortin LeFavre, Ward 12
Q4	Yes, I am strongly supportive of the City taking stronger measures against landlords who do not keep their buildings in the state required by our property maintenance and standards bylaws. I will work hard at City hall to get the property standards enforcement bylaw team much more active in dealing with problem properties and to provide better mechanisms for residents in these properties to have their problems heard.	Yes. The City has mechanisms in place to deal with problematic landlords that do not comply with the property standards and maintenance by-laws. It is important that the City continually improve these policies and enforcement tools to ensure compliance.	not only to I support heavy fines, I will personally lead "shaming" pickets of scallywag landlords.	Yes. Landlords must be held accountable for not meeting the basic needs of their tenants.
Q5	Yes, if we do not set strict timelines, with penalties, then landlords will continue to disregard their responsibilities.	Yes. Timelines for compliance already exist, but it is important that the City improve its ability to monitor, follow-up and address outstanding infractions as quickly as possible. Increasing the number of officers and training will assist in ensuring timely compliance	reasonable timelines enforced by fines, yes.	Yes.
Q6	Yes I support more geared to income pricing for transit for low income earners and people living on SA. Providing affordable access to transit is important for improving our citizens' quality of life and also for increasing the options they will have available for better and more affordable accommodation.	The City of Ottawa is limited in the funding provided by the province to provide discretionary benefits to recipients of Ontario Disability Support Program, including free or income geared transit fare to residents. It is important that the City work to provide affordable transit, while also encouraging the province to increase their funding so that the City can offer these basic services to those most in need.	I would support a scaled system, that in certain cases would provide free transit passes.	
Q7	I would much prefer for incomes to be improved via a living wage than in providing hydro subsidies for some of our citizens. I also believe that the focus for subsidies for utility costs should be on heating bills. This would mean for some people hydro subsidies (if they have electric heat) or gas subsidies (if they are heating with gas or oil)	It is important that the City work with Hydro Ottawa to keep hydro rates affordable, while also providing residents with the tools and information necessary to reduce their consumption levels. Ottawa Community Housing should also be active in providing energy efficiencies in their buildings, including efficient appliances and light bulbs in units.	Hydro costs are completely out of control and impact most on the weakest groups in society. Rectifying this is a top priority.	Yes.

	Marc Aubin, Ward 12	Mathieu Fleury, Ward 12	Marc Vinette, Ward 12	Catherine Fortin LeFaivre, Ward 12
Q8	<p>I would like to support rewards to all families regardless of income for practicing energy savings tactics however practically speaking I would need to understand better how it could be possible to measure and reliably determine how families actually achieved energy savings. This seems to me like a difficult challenge. Perhaps there could be other easier to administer and effective ways to achieve energy savings (and along with it cost reductions) such as providing for free energy saving lights etc.</p>	<p>Yes, however, all residents should practice energy saving tactics for our community benefit.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>I believe all families should be rewarded for practicing energy saving tactics.</p>
Q9	<p>I do believe that digital access is a service that all of our citizens deserve to have. It is increasingly a necessary part of daily life to have access to the internet. I would much prefer for incomes to be improved via a living wage and would like to focus my energies on achieving this outcome as the best way of ensuring more people have digital access. I will participate in any efforts designed to send the message to the federal government that digital access should be affordable to all.</p>	<p>It is important that we ensure that those in need have the services they require to be successful. We invite our partners at the Canadian Radio and Telecommunication Commission to review limiting the costs of internet for low income families.</p>	<p>I lived in South Korea, one of the cheapest, fastest internet infrastructure in the world. Every should have cheap access, not just low income earners.</p>	<p>No. However, the city can play a part in providing free access to wifi in such public spaces as libraries and community centres.</p>
Other				

Non-responsive: George Atanga, David-George Oldham

	Cam Holmstrom, Ward 13	Tobi Nussbaum, Ward 13	Penny Thompson, Ward 13	Sheila Perry, Ward 13
Q1	Yes and yes- polling stations need to go into low income neighborhoods- concerned with advanced poll hours and location	Yes on extended voting hours; we do need to address where there is less voter turnout; enumeration in buildings with high density of renters; more research is needed	Yes but no if it is not feasible to do door to door programming, could be too costly	Yes, I support a voter density policy for the City of Ottawa. As discussed in our interview, I believe that the city needs to re-evaluate the boundaries and locations. It is very evident that the voter lists are embarrassingly out of date. We have examples in Overbrook of many changes of tenants, and owners. The city must address this issue via an improved enumeration method. The problem is the cost for such a policy. Creative funding sources are needed.
Q2	Yes	In principal; don't know what the fiscal implications are; open to research	Yes	Yes, I support a living wage. However, the minimum wage has been raised by the provincial government and this is finally a recognition of the needs expressed by many. As discussed in our interview, it is very important to find a process that works in order to support everyone fairly.
Q3	Yes- I want to see mixed neighborhoods	Housing is a crisis- currently the city don't have the power; would be in favor of asking the province to have the power	Yes	Yes, I support an inclusionary zoning by law. Other cities such as Toronto and Vancouver have made these improvements. It sends a strong message to developers and the need for affordable housing for all. As discussed earlier in our interview, I support the construction and renewal of affordable housing in Ottawa. This is a very important platform in my campaign and for supporting a "Liveable Ottawa" for everyone!
Q4	Yes. Add-Landlord registry of rental properties, such as licensing. Repairs to OCH needs to be addressed.	Yes	Yes	Yes, property standards and bylaws are intended to protect all tenants. It is very important that the laws are respected. Bylaw officers need to support healthy liveable residences. Alternative locations should be provided by the landlord in order to deal with bringing property standards up to par. Contracts and leases are intended to protect the tenant and landlord. Inspections are needed on aging properties and annual reports, maintenance lists and inventory lists must be included in the process.
Q5	Yes- should be one strike program	Yes	yes	Yes, it is reasonable to expect a set timeline for repairs. This timeline depends on the seriousness of the damages and repairs needed. I recommend that an Property committee be organized to deal with recommendations and timelines. Membership must be inclusive.

	Cam Holmstrom, Ward 13	Tobi Nussbaum, Ward 13	Penny Thompson, Ward 13	Sheila Perry, Ward 13
Q6	Yes and to add para-transpo user unfriendly, I want to fix booking issues and cuts.	We need a pilot to see if we can pick an area of the city on geared to income monthly fares; supports idea of geared to income only	Review of fare system	Yes, supportive fares can be explored. City of Ottawa has signed on with Presto cards and bus tickets are another method to support those on SA. Costs for public transit can be modified to serve our needed. Some rates are prohibitive at this time. We need to explore alternatives.
Q7	Yes- Find examples of utilities in other provinces with similar programs	No, province's responsibility	Yes; OCH was doubly impacted by cost of heating	Affordable hydro rates are a challenge for many. The problem is the cost of poorly maintained buildings and landlords who do not support better environments for heating etc. My suggestion is to provide an energy audit and follow up that requires the landlord to take responsibility for better energy efficiency. Hydro rates set by the Province prevents us from drastic improvements. We need to put pressure on the Province to reduce the rates
Q8	Yes-I want a pilot project to start and to see the city renovate public housing units, retro fit and make appliances energy efficient	Yes, energy products should be available, retro fits	Yes	YES!!! It would be great to see this promoted and put into practice. Landlords should be rewarded too.
Q9	Yes- also in the short term, see the City-improve internet access in libraries. City should investigate what would it take for the city to create it's own wireless service.	Ensure wifi in city properties; no	Yes	Yes, however, The CRTC Federally sets the rates. Canada's rates are among the highest in the world. The pressure to reduce these high rates needs to increase. The city of Ottawa helps us in numerous ways, as I explained in our interview. We have free wifi at recreation centres, libraries and some food sites. This does help us to become more mobile.
Other				

	Martin Canning, Ward 14	Jeff Morrison, Ward 14	Silviu Riley, Ward 14	Thomas McVeigh, Ward 14	Curtis Tom, Ward 14
Q1	I'd need to see a detailed business case, including what resources are required to meet ACORN's policy and the other policy options available to support equitable access for all eligible voters. If the evidence is there, I'd support it. Please see www.newottawa.ca for my platform commitments on Democratic Government.	Agree that access to elections, polling stations should be barrier-free. No, to enumeration, but would support any campaigns to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to vote.	Yes, I do support accurate and intelligent placement of voting stations. Placing stations by resident density should be the default for the city. As well, with the recent reports that this year's voting list was marred by errors, I would support initiatives to create a more accurate voting list. This might include enumeration, or a system where information-only letters are sent to every household in Ottawa.	Yes on both counts, especially given reports that this elections Voter's List as provided by MPAC is the worst voter's list in recent years. Enumeration is important not just for an accurate list, but also to notify voters of an upcoming election	Yes
Q2	I support, in principle, the concept of a living wage; however, the introduction of such a bylaw is outside the powers of the City of Ottawa. Affordability is one of the themes of my platform. If elected, I have committed to spearhead an effort to identify ways to reduce transit fares for shorter trips, and to bring amenities and good food to underserved communities.	In 2013, I wrote the provincial government as President of Centretown Community Health Centre asking for an increase in the provincial minimum wage, and including some form of year over year escalator. Although I don't indicate a specific rate, I was pleased when the province announced it would be introducing a yearly escalator.	Actually, I am campaigning on increasing the minimum wage in Ottawa to \$15 per hour. A living wage is necessary for residents to allow them to afford housing and good food, and to have savings. The living wage should also be tied to inflation, increasing each year.	I completely support a living wage. We must be cautious in how we raise the wage. There are many small businesses that employ people at minimum wage. Raising the wage would cause a shock to the system, and possibly cause a lot more harm than good. Consistently raising the minimum wage at a predictable rate above that of inflation will allow the economy to adjust. I suspect the actual living wage will end up closer to 20\$/hr than 15\$/hr once the inflation of costs caused by a raised minimum wage ripple through the system	I don't support such a large increase as it will add pressure on businesses. For businesses to accommodate such a large increase in a short timeframe might result in reduced hours or staff layoffs.
Q3	Inclusionary Zoning is an important tool that is needed to increase affordable housing stock. At this point, there is no provincial legislation that allows for the city to introduce an inclusionary zoning by law, but if amendments to the Planning Act are made, I'd support the introduction of inclusionary zoning measures that have teeth.	As part of my platform, I have said that the city could use a few tools to increase affordable housing, which includes negotiating a percentage of affordable housing units to be included in any housing development along the LRT corridor, and pooling Section 37 monies city-wide and allocating a certain percentage for social housing; a model Toronto uses.	Yes, I do support inclusionary zoning. We should not create new developments that displace existing residents or create unaffordable housing.	Yes. I would also work very hard to ensure that there is a variety in the kind of housing stock as well as the price. Family sized apartments at below market rates are even harder to find than bachelors.	No. I don't believe this is necessary.

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Q4	Yes	I stated at ACORNs all candidates debate in the spring that I would support increased enforcement powers for the City Building Inspector, so that inadequate or insufficient building conditions could be addressed in a more forceful manner.	Yes, I support fines for landlords who are abusive to or negligent of their tenants.	Yes, provided that we are very clear what are 'problem landlords'. In Somerset Ward there are many people who own multi-family buildings that they live in as well. They're not always in the best condition, but they are maintained as well as the owners can afford. Some of these owners are seniors who have subdivided their homes so that they can afford to keep living in their homes. Others are young families that need the extra income to afford to live downtown. We need to make sure we identify the correct target.	I would support warnings to landlords followed by fines if no action are taken after 1 or 2 warnings.
Q5	Yes	Yes, I think landlords, including the city's own properties, should provide a plan for repairs. Note that I have also included as part of my platform an idea to increase the City of Ottawa's minimum heat by-law from its current level of 16.7 degrees (the second coldest level in Ontario) to at least 19 or 20 degrees, in line with most other Ontario municipalities.	I do support regulation to ensure repairs are actually carried out, and in a timely fashion.	Anytime there are safety issues, there should be set timelines for repairs to be arranged.	Yes.

	Martin Canning, Ward 14	Jeff Morrison, Ward 14	Silviu Riley, Ward 14	Thomas McVeigh, Ward 14	Curtis Tom, Ward 14
Q6	<p>Affordable transportation is outside the reach of too many of our citizens. I've offered a series of commitments in my platform, as outlined at newottawa.ca, to help us get there. Specifically, if elected, I've committed to lead a policy options paper exploring distance-based transit fares as an example of tax and pricing reform, and submit to the Transit Commission, relevant committees, Council, and provincial representatives.</p>	<p>When asked this question in a Centretown Community Health Centre survey, I responded with the following: The Community Pass offers a discounted rate for OC Transpo to recipients of ODSP and Para-Transpo riders who may not receive ODSP payments. In order to extend coverage of the Community Pass, there would need to be a mechanism to determine eligibility, so that an extended program could not be open to fraud. A straightforward means may be to extend the pass to recipients of Ontario Works. Regardless of the mechanism, we need to ensure that residents at the low end of the income scale can access public transit.</p>	<p>The City should recognize that some residents rely more heavily on Transit, and I support free or lower-priced fares.</p>	<p>It's a worthy goal, but I cannot promise it as the next councilor for Somerset Ward. I will work towards that goal, but I do not believe I could get sufficient votes for it at council, and I worry what I might have to give up in other parts of the city budget.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
Q7	<p>The city is not in a position to set hydro rates, but I support the city's Essential Health and Social Supports program as a concrete example of what municipalities can do to support low income earners having trouble paying their hydro bills.</p>	<p>I think it would be difficult for hydro to determine who would qualify. I support affordable hydro rates for everyone.</p>	<p>I think Hydro Ottawa should reinstate programs that they have suspended or cut, to help those with low income.</p>	<p>I support affordable hydro rates for all. I see far too many issues with tying the rate to income. How do you calculate it, and how do you police it. I suspect this would be a very costly program to administer, and there are better methods to achieve the goal of this proposal.</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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Q8	I prefer measures that allow low income earners to further reduce their energy consumption, which will further lower their energy bills. It's good for the pocketbook, and good for the environment.	Yes	I think it would be difficult to determine what constitutes energy savings, and to award residents who fulfill the criteria. I also think that such a program would pressure residents to reduce their quality of life, rather than putting the emphasis where it belongs: on the affordability of electricity in Ottawa.	Same answer as above.	Yes, this should apply to all income families.
Q9	I support all citizens having access to internet, however, as a municipal candidate, my focus would be on measures that provide communal access to internet and communication technology, e.g. wifi in parks, computer labs at libraries and community centres, smart infrastructure, etc	This may be difficult for the federal government to implement. I agree that low income families should have equal access to Internet services, but not sure internet access based on income could be implemented.	I think the City should focus on developing a subsidy for Internet access, or municipal broadband. Municipal broadband has succeeded in providing reliable, affordable, and fast Internet access to residents in many towns and cities in the United States and Europe.	Such a program doesn't have to be just for low income families. Having a regulated price for 'basic internet' like we did once upon a time for 'basic phone service' would give everyone an option for getting basic internet service.	Yes and apply it for post-secondary students as well.
Other					

	Michelle Reimer, Ward 15	Larry Wasslen, Ward 15	Jeffrey Leiper, Ward 15	Katherine Hobbs, Ward 15
Q 1	<p>I support any change that improves our democratic process and gives voice to those typically underrepresented. The biggest barrier I see is learning about candidates and perhaps some efforts could be made to ensure candidates have a meet and greets in community hubs like libraries, health clinics and community centres to improve outreach and increase interest.</p>	<p>Support polling stations where voter density requires. (100 units). Yes. I would be willing to consider a lower number (75 units) for seniors residences. And Yes</p>	<p>I believe that there should be as few barriers as possible to voting. Having polling stations where the population is densest makes sense, and I certainly support that. For door-to-door enumeration, I would want to see a good analysis of the effectiveness and cost of this as a tool for getting out the vote. It may be the best tool, but let's figure that out together.</p>	<p>I am supportive of every reasonable effort to ensure it is convenient and accessible for people of all means to vote, our most important right as citizens in a democracy. If there are any buildings with 100 or more units that are not served by a poll, I would be interested to know which they are, and I would seek to understand why the elections office did not place a poll there. Please provide further information regarding a return to "door to door programming" to find eligible voters. I was unable to find information on your website regarding this proposal. Regardless, with finite resources, needed for everything from transit to affordable housing, a business case would be required to ensure value compared to other potential programs, as well as feasibility of such a program.</p>
Q 2	<p>I absolutely support a living wage. It beneficial both economically and socially.</p>	<p>Yes. \$15.00 is a good place to start. However to get people above the poverty line a \$19.00 minimum is required. However I do support the figure you are using as a good place t start.</p>	<p>It is certainly an important goal to have a living wage for all, and we should support progress in that direction. We must also have an effective safety net in place for those who do fall below the poverty line and we must increase the availability of affordable housing. As you are aware, however, the minimum wage is set solely by the Province. Promising you that I can change this as a City Councillor would just be political pandering during an election, which I won't do. However, the City does have some clearly defined roles in this area where we can and should take concrete action. For example, we must ensure that the City's own employees and the employees of its contractors are fairly paid and enjoy good working conditions. The City should serve as an example. Many other issues will come before City Council that are directly related, for example affordable housing, transit policy, and support for food banks and shelters, among them. What I can promise is that I will support efforts in these and all areas to ensure that the most vulnerable in Ottawa are not left behind.</p>	<p>Setting a minimum wage is outside the jurisdiction of the City of Ottawa. I am supportive of wages and programs being livable, as well as ensuring housing, transit, and food are within reach for all residents.</p>

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<p>Q 3</p>	<p>We need to make this by-law mandatory. This is included in my campaign platform. It is currently in the Official Plan but it is not being pursued by the City or development community.</p>	<p>I do support a mandatory inclusionary by-law as an important step in building inclusive communities. Public housing, co-op housing, and non-profit housing construction must also become a priority of city council. In addition strict rent controls are needed on privately owned apartments to prevent continuing rent increases..</p>	<p>Yes. I have committed to this already.</p>	<p>I am supportive of ensuring affordable housing is available for all, using all tools at our disposal, such as a review of the zoning by-law with an affordability lens to ensure we are creating naturally occurring affordable housing in the private sector, ensuring new development on City owned land is at least 25% affordable, collecting \$9.4 million in development charges toward to provision of affordable housing, and investing \$16 million each year to create affordable housing, working with non-profit partners. Unfortunately, inclusionary zoning by-laws are not a tool at our disposal under the Planning Act. I would support a conversation with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing about this potential tool.</p>
<p>Q 4</p>	<p>I support fines but they don't fix the root of the problem. I would want to look at other mechanisms to ensure disrepair is addressed. I have read about extreme measures, like evacuation of tenants but this can creates other risks to a large group of individuals if they cannot secure safe and affordable housing elsewhere. I like what Halifax tenants are doing – asking for a Landlord Licensing Permit, however, the reality is this will still delay fixing living conditions for tenants and put them at risk. There are no easy answers so working together closely with landlords, Acorn and other community partners along with the elected officials to focus on a new way to approach issues, e.g., rental properties given a property tax break (incentive) if they clean up their act.</p>	<p>Severe consequences for landlords who do not properly keep up their buildings. Yes. But fines alone are not good enough. I would argue that the city should be able to step in to have repairs done by city maintenance crews with the bill being sent to the landlord. Failure to pay for repairs should be penalized by leans on the landlords property.</p>	<p>Absolutely yes. In Hintonburg, where I have been on the board of the community association for 17 years and have served as president for several terms, we have seen firsthand the terrible effects of negligent landlords and deteriorating properties on the tenants and on the surrounding neighbourhood. I am 100% behind strict and effective enforcement of property standards by-laws and other tools to get these properties repaired and made livable and safe. Bad landlords should be severely penalized. In Hintonburg, we piloted and helped develop the City's Problem Properties Task Force, which brings together City social services (like the rooming house response team) and enforcement (like bylaw enforcement and Fire Department enforcement) to target the worst properties and get them fixed.</p>	<p>Yes, everyone regardless of their means deserves to live in a home in livable condition.</p>

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Q 5	<p>Yes, a by-law to enforce this is required and better enforcement in general. However, what are the consequences outside of a fine with when no action is taken? If we incentivize – the landlord may be very motivated to invest in cleaning up the place is it is saving thousands of dollars. Again, extreme measures of evacuation are not what is best for those who need housing and have nowhere to go.</p>	<p>Timely critical repairs. Yes with above proviso</p>	<p>Yes. There are too many loopholes and lapses that let bad landlords delay and delay.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
Q 6	<p>Yes, I support the community pass for low-income earners and those on social assistance to break down the barriers faced to get to work or find work and access other needed services.</p>	<p>Free transit for people on SA Yes but this should be expanded to all people on low income including students, the unemployed, and seniors. The city should also pass a resolution demanding greater provincial funding for transport in an effort to reduce overall costs of public transportation for workers.</p>	<p>I believe that we need to do full cost accounting rather than looking only at whether fares pay for the full cost of OC Transpo. In setting fares, we need to take into account whether the fares are so high that they discourage transit use, shifting now-hidden costs elsewhere (like to social services and the healthcare system, when people cannot access the things they need to stay healthy). I expect that this would show that there are actually cost savings when low income earners have reasonable fares, since they will not have to choose between transit or food and health. We can work together to ensure that everyone can access transit.</p>	<p>I am supportive of studying the best methods to make transit affordable for all residents. I am interested in reviewing our fee structure around affordability for those on fixed and low incomes. I am very supportive of efforts to persuade the Province to provide free transit for all people on social assistance and to help those on low incomes afford transit they need to get to work and live their lives.</p>
Q 7	<p>Yes, I support affordable hydro rates for low income earners. For many of them who do not own homes and rent, I would work this into the incentive structure and not allow landlords to charge hydro. If they care for the building a reduction on rate will be provided</p>	<p>Affordable hydro rates for low income. This should be extended to low and middle income families/ individuals and should be part of the re-nationalization of production and distribution of electricity.</p>	<p>I support affordable hydro rates for everyone!</p>	<p>While the City cannot set different rates for different people, I support the City's s Essential Health and Social Supports to assist and would be open to expanding it with the right business case.</p>

	Michelle Reimer, Ward 15	Larry Wasslen, Ward 15	Jeffrey Leiper, Ward 15	Katherine Hobbs, Ward 15
Q 8	<p>Yes, but this is done already with smart meters. Where there are no smart meters, we would need to work out a plan in which such energy saving practices could be adequately measured.</p>	<p>Rewards for low to medium income families who practice energy conservation. Yes. There should be rewards for conservation of energy, especially for low and middle income earners. However most low-middle income earners do not have enough control of important factors related to energy use such as quality windows, proper insulation and other critical factors that could make energy conservation impossible.</p>	<p>Yes. Again, full cost accounting would show that this is cost-effective not just for low income earners, but for everyone.</p>	<p>I am supportive of the existing programs offered by Hydro Ottawa to help low and moderate income households reduce their energy consumption thereby lowering their bills. I would support expanding these programs and would also advocate for social housing providers like OCH and CCOC to partner with Hydro Ottawa to help lower tenants bills by assisting in reducing energy used by major appliances and baseboard electric heat which are often beyond the control of the tenant.</p>
Q 9	<p>Access to information is key for people to remain informed, connected to others. Access to the internet is one of the best ways to accomplish this. I whole-heartedly support the federal campaign to connect everyone to the internet.</p>	<p>Support \$10.00 monthly internet charge for low income. Yes.</p>	<p>Given my experience as an executive in the non-profit sector in the area of communications policy, I am fully supportive of internet access for all. I am not a big fan of symbolic gestures governments, however. The federal government is the level with powers in this area, and is not likely to be swayed by a motion from Ottawa City Council. Instead, I would like to see the City take concrete steps to provide access, including free WiFi in all City facilities, more public computers, and supporting free WiFi in business districts (as is being done in West Wellington).</p>	<p>I support access to the Internet for all as an important part of digital literacy and engagement with the economy and society as a whole. I have supported plans for Wifi at city facilities and along Wellington Street as well as Internet access and computer terminals at libraries and recreation facilities. This will bring internet access to the public at no cost. Telecom regulation itself is outside the scope of municipalities and I am not sufficiently versed in this subject to offer an endorsement of this campaign. If you could please provide further information on the ability that telecoms have to be authorized to provide different pricing levels within their regulatory framework with the CRTC it would be helpful for me in providing further comment.</p>
Other				

	Barb Carroll, Ward 16	Vanessa Sutton, Ward 16	Colin Pennie, Ward 16
Q1	Yes, supporting people's ability to vote and be counted and heard is critical	Yes	I support the polling stations voter density policy and to bring back enumeration to identify voters. We need increased measures to increase voter participation and access in municipal elections. With issues arising with voters list already, and a low voter participation, we need new and increased measures to support residents taking an active part in municipal elections.
Q2	Yes. This will move people forward and allow them to contribute to a strong and vibrant City	I would support the current minimum wage rate automatically adjusted to the rate of inflation	. Yes I support a living wage by-law for the city of Ottawa. Higher minimum wages have recently been shown to increase economic development and employment overall. I would support city initiatives as well as a dialogue between the city and provincial government to increase the provincial minimum wage.
Q3	Yes but I think we need to get creative here. Developers do often build "affordable" housing but it can be relative to the affordability of the other housing being built at that time/place. That does not really address building truly affordable housing for vulnerable populations.	Yes	The lack of affordable housing units is a growing concern within the City. A mandatory inclusionary by-law without senior government funding and a comprehensive housing strategy cannot address the needs for affordable housing alone. Affordable housing in Ottawa needs serious attention and increased funding as well as a review of current conditions and all available solutions, including mandatory zoning by-laws.
Q4	Yes to both but what I would really like to see is building on the example at Cedar Wood off of Walkley Rd where the partnership between residents, City Bi Law and Acorn has had a significant impact in resolving such issues. We can learn from this!	Yes	Yes, I support severe consequences for such problem landlords who are not meeting their obligations to address necessary repairs.
Q5	Yes	Yes	I do support timelines for critical repairs and would support a mechanism whereby tenants' rental payments would be held by the city until the repairs are completed and fines for repairs not completed within timelines that would pay for associated administrative costs.
Q6	Something has to happen re unaffordable transit. This a goal I will work towards	Yes	I support public transit passes geared to low income earners. SA recipients and other social assistance service recipients in financial need should also be eligible for low-income transit passes. Transit needs to be accessible to the entire community at affordable rates to increase ridership and facilitate mobility within the city.

	Barb Carroll, Ward 16	Vanessa Sutton, Ward 16	Colin Pennie, Ward 16
Q7	We need to learn from other examples and this would be a great opportunity to look at environmental ways of reducing energy use and costs.	I would prefer to offer a hydro rebate based on a means test.	I support affordable hydro rates for the entire city regardless of income. As a necessary service, hydro needs to be accessible and affordable to everyone in our city.
Q8	Would have to work with the province on this but in principal makes a lot of sense	Yes	More than incentives to reward energy saving tactics, I would support reduced service charges so that energy use accurately reflects usage and energy savings are directly apparent.
Q9	I have been passionate and persistent since 2000 in trying to make sure there is no Digital Divide in Ottawa and I support any initiative that moves that forward. As Councillor in River Ward I will be actively working on this	I would prefer to offer an internet rebate based on a means test.	Digital access is very important and I believe that this should be supported through continued and increased support through community access sites that provide access throughout our communities.
Other			

	David Chernushenko, Ward 17	Espoir Manirambo-na, Ward 17	Scott Blurton, Ward 17
Q1	<p>Capital Ward frequently has the highest voter turnout in Ottawa at municipal election time, but clearly there is room for improvement in other parts of the city as well as in Capital Ward itself. Obviously, one of the impediments to better voter turnout is the inconvenience of poor locations or low numbers of polling stations. So I do support measures that increase the availability of polling stations in high density areas.</p> <p>I am not convinced that door-to-door enumeration is a key factor in increasing voter turnout and that this additional municipally incurred expense is warranted. Bear in mind that anyone who can provide proof of their address can attend at a local polling station and will be entitled to vote.</p>	Yes	<p>I support improving access to voting so that all citizens can exercise their democratic rights. I am not sure at this time what is the appropriate density for a polling station. I would be open for discussing it further. I don't support going back to door to door enumeration however we need to improve our voter lists in this city to ensure that no one is left behind. We also need to improve the online tools that are available as I have noticed in this campaign that they are having trouble with relatively simple tasks such as "Where do I vote?".</p>
Q2	<p>I do support the phased-in introduction of a living wage.</p>	Yes	<p>No, this is provincial jurisdiction. The Government of Ontario has recently raised it to about \$11/hour and tied it to inflation. I would only support a further increase if it was tied to the elimination of tipping, which is arbitrary in its application, vulnerable to raiding by management and discriminatory towards back-line restaurant workers such as cooks.</p>
Q3	<p>I believe we have to accelerate the construction of affordable housing across the City of Ottawa by helping to broker cross-sector partnerships and by passing a stronger city affordable housing policy.</p>	Yes	<p>Yes. Please consult my "Smart Development" platform at http://www.scottblurton.ca/smart_development. However, Ottawa cannot pass an inclusionary zoning bylaw without a change to provincial legislation. In 2010, Bill 58: Planning Amendment Act (enabling Municipalities to Require Inclusionary Housing) was introduced as a private members bill, went to committee and died on the order paper when the legislature was dissolved for 2011 provincial election. I would advocate for its reintroduction and passage so that we can finally put a dent in Ottawa's affordable housing shortage.</p>
Q4	<p>There are some landlords who do not respond to notices or warnings and are repeat offenders with respect to tenants rights. In those instances it makes sense for the city to levy fines against delinquent landlords. I am also exploring an initiative led by Councillor Chiarelli to effectively licence landlords as a way to better control and enforce property standards.</p>	Yes	<p>Yes. I also advocate for the switch from property value taxation to land value taxation to remove the tax disincentive for investing in the upkeep and maintenance of people's homes and properties. Please consult my "Smart Development" platform at http://www.scottblurton.ca/smart_development</p>
Q5	<p>I support the application of clear timelines for the carrying out of critical repairs by landlords</p>	Yes	Yes

	David Chernushenko, Ward 17	Espoir Manirambo-na, Ward 17	Scott Blurton, Ward 17
Q6	<p>The province has an substantial role to play in social assistance income and in the funding of public transit. I believe the province has a responsibility to ensure that public transit is inexpensive and affordable for everyone in order to shift as many people as possible to this relatively clean and efficient mode of transportation. I support the idea of a “means-tested” low-income fare, which would also cover students of any age outside of the main school year that is currently covered by a U-Pass for most institutions.</p>	<p>Yes; I'd go further really, more free goods and services like free transit for example, free local renewable energy production. empowering ppl with the resources to produce for themselves.</p>	<p>If we offered more subsidies for some groups, then it would raise the prices for everyone else. I am more focused on keeping fares low for everyone. In my “Transportation Choice” platform, I advocate for the investigation and implementation of a Congestion Pricing System to charge drivers for the roads they use based on the congestion level. These funds would then be used to support public transit, keep fares low, and lower the burden of switching to a land value taxation system.</p>
Q7	<p>Affordable hydro power is a necessity for everyone in Ottawa, and so I support the public funding of energy efficiency measures and retrofits for low income earners in order to ensure that their hydro bills are as low as possible. I do not, however, support taking steps to actually lower hydro rates, as this has two unintended consequences: it discourages conservation and encourages waste, with enormous financial and environmental consequences, and it simply shifts the load onto the tax bill instead of remaining in the utility bill where it belongs – because either way the public pays.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No. I support the city working to keep hydro rates low for everyone. Over the next several years, we will need to have a conversation with Hydro One and the residents of Ottawa on how to move forward on our power generation and transmission system to best serve our needs.</p>
Q8	<p>Energy saving tactics are inherently likely to result in a reduction in energy bills. I also support targeted subsidies for low to moderate income families to pay for energy efficiency retrofits that result in a reduction in energy bills</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No. The savings from energy are significant enough to encourage their adoption. This may also be discriminatory to low to moderate income families who rent and have their electricity included in their monthly rent.</p>
Q9	<p>Yes. The three major telecom companies have worked hard to try to maintain their monopoly-like status with regard to digital access, and hence Canada has some of the highest internet prices in the developed world. They can afford to provide a \$10/month internet program for low income families</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No. This is outside of the city's jurisdiction. I would advocate for greater competition in the telecom market. At the city level, I believe that we can continue to leverage free wifi and computer terminals at our libraries to provide low cost access to the internet for low to moderate families.</p>
Other			

	Clinton Cowan, Ward 18	John Redins, Ward 18	Jeff Dubois, Ward 18	Hussein Mahmoud, Ward 18
Q1	Yes policy but only in buildings; supports hours; supports the idea of door to door only if it is cost effective	Yes I do we have issues in this ward. In fact the most northern part of the ward is nowhere near the polling station and there is about 5 blocks of voters in that area	No	I believe we need to make voting as easy as possible for residents. As the voter turn out has decreased over the years, we need to make voting as accessible and as easy as possible for all residents.
Q2	Supports the principal and tying to cost of living, not number	I support a living wage I worked hard lobbying councilors to move forward	No	I support a living wage that is tied to the cost of living. Now I think we need to look at the calculations to find out exactly what the per hour wage should be. However, I do support this initiative as noted above. Minimum wage at the least should provide all residents the opportunity to live a healthy lifestyle.
Q3	Supports increasing the amount of housing stalk	Yes I do I believe its Section 37 in the municipal act and I also campaigned in the provincial election for the very samething.	Yes	I do not have the sufficient amount of information needed to come to a conclusion on this topic. However, I am open to meet and discuss more about this initiative to come to a proper conclusion.
Q4	Other municipalities increasing the fines	Yes I do I believe also Ottawa ACORN's push for Healthy Homes	Yes	This is a great point. I do think there should be consequences for landlords who are not providing a healthy place for renters to live in. The problems, which are outlined above, are very problematic and no one should be subjected to live in such terrible conditions. I do support following a model such as Toronto, which has harsh consequences towards Landlords who are not fulfilling their obligations.
Q5	Yes	Yes I do	Yes	Definitely, I think setting the proper expectations along with a timeline is critical for repairs. Tenants have the right to know exactly when something should be fixed. Furthermore, as many tenants have full time jobs, it is essential that they receive a set timeline for repairs to coordinate with their schedules.
Q6	No, but keep fares as low as possible for low income earners; if the opertunity was available for free fares, open to this	I support a bus pass for individuals for doctor appointments furthering there education or finding employment.	I support a low-fare rate for all SA and low-income earners, seniors and students (including part-time post-secondary students).	I cannot comment on free transit for those living on SA, without looking at the cities finances and budget. However, I believe there should be subsidized pricing for those on SA and lower incomes, as everyone deserves the right to affordable public transit.

	Clinton Cowan, Ward 18	John Redins, Ward 18	Jeff Dubois, Ward 18	Hussein Mahmoud, Ward 18
Q7	Supports affordable hydro rates for all	I support affordable rates for all	I support affordable hydro rates for ALL residents.	We should ensure that everyone has a warm house specifically in winter. I am committed to working with the Hydro Ottawa to ensure rates are affordable for all residents including lower income families.
Q8	Yes; wants to work on getting programs to people, ex energy saving products; city gets dividend, but this not reaching low income earners; would use to help low income families	I support anyone that practice energy saving tactics discount on there bills	No	I support reduced rates for all those who practice energy savings. Residents should be rewarded for such practices and I am committed to fighting for this.
Q9	Yes, should be a base package	I support internet for free for everyone as I campaigned in the Provincial Election	I believe the CRTC should require carriers to provide a basic 1MB/512kb (down/up) basic package which would meet the basic needs of most users. This, however, is a Federal matter however I see no reason why municipal leadership cannot be taken to spearhead such a movement.	In our day in age, I believe affordable internet is the right of every resident. I am committed to bringing this issue up to government.
Other				

	Marc Belisle, Ward 19
Q1	Yes I do
Q2	Yes
Q3	Yes I do
Q4	Yes 100%
Q5	Yes
Q6	Yes I would help them
Q7	Yes I do
Q8	Yes I do
Q9	Yes
Other	

Non-responsive: Stephen Blais

	Kim Sheldrick, Ward 20	Davis Jermacans, Ward 20
Q1	Yes, for voter density policy. Enumeration: I don't see the efficiency in returning to that system; other ways of ensuring you are on the list other than the web.	I believe that your reference above is to paragraph 45(6) (1) which requires that, upon the request of the clerk, landlords of buildings with 100 dwellings or more shall provide, free of charge, suitable space for voting. While I agree that barriers to voting should be reduced, I believe that, as per the Act, it is up to the clerk to decide when and where this section of the Act should be applied. However, with respect to Osgoode Ward where there are no high-rise buildings, subsection 45(7), as it applies in paragraph (3) to retirement homes, is of greater importance. There are two seniors' residences in Osgoode Ward and they do have their own polling stations. I don't agree with bringing back general door-to-door enumeration. I do, however, agree with a program of targeted revision (enumeration) for buildings of renters. Targeted revision is a process that has been used successfully by Elections Canada for new neighbourhoods and for areas (buildings) of high turnover. As well, while the "voterlookup.ca" tool does help voters ensure they are included correctly on the voters' list, not everyone has access to a computer.
Q2	No, a smaller annual increase would be a more reasonable option.	The current minimum wage is \$11 an hour and this rate, I am told, leaves almost 16% per cent of Ontario minimum wage workers living below the poverty line. In Osgoode Ward, minimum wage workers face higher hydro and transportation costs than their urban counterparts, but still rely on urban located goods and services and that puts them at a further economic disadvantage. I am in favour of a living wage that takes people out of poverty. However, I am not sure whether that can be done solely through the mechanism of a province-wide minimum wage. I think a reasonable minimum wage geared to cost of living indices by area should be explored as a way to close the gap.
Q3	Yes	Inclusionary housing is an American term which refers to municipal and county planning ordinances that require a given share of new construction to be affordable for people with low to moderate incomes. As a rural candidate, I would like to answer this question on the basis of its application to rural wards. As you know, Ottawa's Official Plan does not allow the formation of country lot subdivisions in rural Ottawa and the only other form of lot creation in rural Ottawa outside of Villages is lot severances that basically allow family members to live next to their family farm. Within villages however there are opportunities to consider some form of inclusionary zoning-by-laws to provide a certain number of lots in a country subdivision to qualified organizations (e.g. Habitat for Humanity) to build housing for people with low to moderate incomes.
Q4	Yes; also support publicizing landlord names in extreme cases and timelines for smaller repairs	

	Kim Sheldrick, Ward 20	Davis Jermacans, Ward 20
Q5	Yes	Families who live in low rent housing should not feel like second class citizens and every resident of Ottawa deserve a safe, secure and healthy place in which to live. Therefore, I would support all efforts to ensure that low income housing tenants do not have to endure the types and lengths of disrepair and pest infestation noted above. That being said, it is important that the responsibility is shared. Landlords must have effective and reasonable mechanisms to deal with situations where abuse of property by tenants leads to damaged property or pest infestations are the result of neglect by tenants.
Q6	No, but I support discounted passes for low income earners or people on SA.	Osgoode Ward does not have public transit. Therefore, free transit would not be of help to low income earners in Osgoode Ward. For areas of the city that do have transit, I would support having a discount transit pass for low-income earners similar to that being proposed in Toronto (see staff report on Toronto Transit Fare Equity http://globalnews.ca/news/1427180/executive-committee-to-discuss-transit-discounts-for-low-income-earners/)
Q7	Yes; hydro rates are not municipally regulated so I feel the Municipalities should be pressuring the Ontario Government	Yes. This is especially an issue for rural Ottawa serviced by the more expensive Hydro One.
Q8	Yes	Yes
Q9	Yes, and I support regulation of cellular fees	Currently in the Ottawa area, there are organizations like National Capital Freenet that do provide internet services at reasonably affordable rates (\$30.95 a month). However, I do acknowledge that even that may be too much for some. Therefore, I would support regulations that would compel major internet providers to have affordable internet programs (with restricted bandwidth and data transfer caps) for low income families. Lack of access to the internet can be an economic barrier to these individuals especially in rural communities where access to internet services in libraries or schools may be more restricted simply by distance and lack of transportation.
Other		

Non-responsive: George Darouze, Tom Dawson, Jean Johnston-McKitterick, Liam Maguire, Bob Masaro, Allen Scantland, Mark Scharfe, Paul St. Jean, George Wright

	Diane Deans, Ward 21
Q1	
Q2	
Q3	
Q4	Due to the sheer volume of requests to complete surveys and given the time constraints during the campaign, Diane is unable to complete the survey at this time. Diane remains supportive of your efforts, and feels that her voting record, as well as her support of Housing Answer's pledge of an annual increase of \$ 2 million per year, stable through 2018, is representative of her position on the issues about which you inquired.
Q5	
Q6	
Q7	
Q8	
Q9	
Other	

Non-responsive: Scott Moffatt, Daniel Scharf, Kevin Fulsom, Scott Hodge, Jason Kelly, Michael Qaqish, Bader Rashed, Roger Scharfe, Susan Sherring

Ward 2

Non-responsive: Eldon Holder, Chantal Lecours, Jody Mitic, Andrew Modray, Fred Sherwin, François Trépanier, Teresa Whitmore

Ward 3

Non-responsive: Ian Bursey, Jan Harder, Syed Asgar Hussain

Ward 5

Non-responsive: Alexander Aronec, Eli El-Chantiry, Brendan Gorman, Jonathan Mark, James Parsons

Ward 6

Non-responsive: David Lee, Shad Qadri

Ward 9

Non-responsive: Keith Egli, Cristian Lambiri

Ward 10

Non-responsive: Meladul Haq Ahmadzai, Rodaina Chahrour, George Marko, Lilly Obina, Brad Pye, Mohamed Roble

Ward 11

Non-responsive: Francesca D'Ambrosio, Nicolas Séguin, Michel Tardif, Rene Tessier, Tim Tierney

Ward 23

Non-responsive: David Abuwa, Bruce Anthony Faulkner, Allan Hubley