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ACORN	Liberal	NDP	Green	Conservatives
<b>Housing</b>				
<b>Full rent control</b>				
Apply rent control to all buildings, including those first occupied after November 2018.	YES	YES	YES	NO
Implement vacancy control to ensure that rents aren't raised substantially between tenancies.	NO	YES	YES	NO
End the use of Above Guideline Rent increases.	NO	YES Crack down on landlords who exploit loopholes in the law to seek evictions or unfair, above guideline rent increases for repairs or renovations that aren't needed.	NO	NO

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<b>LTB reform</b>				
Stop digital hearings, resume the right to Landlord & Tenant Board (LTB) Hearings in-person.	?	YES	YES	NO
Overhaul the LTB as it is has become an eviction factory.	?	<p>YES</p> <p>End “eviction blitz” and make sure tenants and landlords can get prompt and fair hearings before the board.</p> <p>Reverse cuts to legal aid, so tenants have access to legal help when their landlord violates their rights.</p>	?	NO
<b>Protect current affordable housing stock</b>				
Incentivize investment in repairs.	YES Keep homes in good repair and enforce larger fines for persistently negligent landlords.	YES Mandate Universal Design building codes, which are standards that reflect the	?	?

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	<p>Strengthen provincial oversight over elevator access and maintenance.</p> <p>Retain and repair existing affordable homes.</p>	<p>needs of people of all ages, sizes and abilities.</p> <p>Set elevator availability standards so that residents never have to worry they'll be stranded due to a broken elevator.</p> <p>Contribute 40 per cent to capital repairs, to be matched by the federal government, with the remaining 20 per cent split between municipalities and contributions from community housing providers.</p>		
<p>End tenant displacement: Prevent renovictions and demovictions. Ensure all applications for renovations are applied first at a provincial agency with authority to approve/deny renovations.</p>	?	<p>YES</p> <p>Vacancy control would disincentivise renovictions.</p> <p>Stop unfair 'renovictions' and bad faith 'landlord's own use' evictions.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Strengthen rules and penalties for renovictions and bad faith evictions to keep apartments affordable.</p>	NO

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The landlord must be mandated to give the tenant a comparable accommodation or a top-up rent until the renovation is complete.				
<b>Increase funding to social housing &amp; non-profit housing</b>				
Invest in development of non-market rental housing.  Build 99,000 deeply affordable, non-profit and co-op housing units.	YES  Build 138,000 new deeply affordable homes – including supportive housing and homes for Indigenous peoples.  Expand and build new co-op housing by providing the co-op sector with \$100 million over ten years.	YES  Establish a new public agency, Housing Ontario, to finance and build 250,000 new affordable and non-market rental homes. These homes will be operated by public, non-profit or co-op housing providers.  This includes 100,000 new affordable homes over the next decade.	YES  Build 182,000 new permanently affordable community housing rental homes over 10 years including 60,000 permanent supportive homes.	?

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		A portable housing benefit for 311,000 of Ontario households to help them afford the cost of rent.	Financial support to 311,000 Ontario households via the portable housing benefit.  Partner with non-profits, co-ops, and community land trusts to use public land for permanently affordable rental housing and home ownership option.	
Support acquisition of existing affordable rental buildings.		Purchase and rehabilitate existing privately-owned rental homes to be operated by public, non-profit or co-op housing providers.	Create a seed fund for co-operative housing. Provide non-profit housing providers with the support and access to capital needed and explore pre-emptive right-to-buy for non-profits.	

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<b>Allow Inclusionary Zoning policies to be applied citywide</b>  Currently the Inclusionary Zoning requirements are limited to major transit areas i.e. lands within an approximately 500-800 metre radius of a transit station or stop.	YES – Weak Include tie-in measures with inclusionary zoning by-laws such as increasing the number of overall homes allowed to be built and permitting its expansion along rapid transit lines.	YES Get Inclusionary Zoning back on track. End exclusionary zoning, increasing the supply of housing options that are affordable.  Remove arbitrary limits, ensuring that all growing neighbourhoods can continue to be home for people of all incomes.	YES Mandate inclusionary zoning and require a minimum of 20% affordable units in all housing projects above a certain size.	NO
<b>Dignified living for people on ODSP/OW</b>				
Raise ODSP and OW so that social assistance recipients receive a minimum \$2000/month and make it permanent.	Increase ODSP and OW rates by 10% this year, and another 10% for ODSP recipients in 2023. Increase the amount of income earned without	Begin with an immediate increase to OW and ODSP rates by 20%.  Double the ODSP and OW rates in the second year. Doubling would be of 2022 rates.	Double Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) rates as a first step to implementing a Basic Income, and tie future increases to inflation.	Increase ODSP rate by five per cent.  Introduce legislation to increase ODSP rates annually, tied to inflation.

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<p>Tie the ODSP/OW rates to inflation.</p> <p>The Housing Allowance must reflect the market rate rent in Ontario. Allowance needs to be set by the City.</p> <p>Raise the employment income threshold from \$200 to \$800 before clawbacks.</p> <p>Increase the housing allowance to match market rent (based on the city the recipient lives in).</p> <p>Stop the implementation of the province's new vision for social assistance transformation.</p>	<p>Impacting assistance from \$2,400 to \$6,000 per year and calculating earnings on an annual basis.</p> <p>Replace the current rate structure with an inflation-protected flat rate.</p> <p>Redefine "spouse" to give new couples receiving social assistance more support.</p>	<p>Legislate that raises must be indexed to inflation.</p> <p>Overhaul Ontario's broken social assistance system.</p> <p>Put a stop to privatization of the delivery of social assistance employment service programs.</p> <p>Scrap pay for performance and provide wraparound services to those in need.</p> <p>Update the ODSP Act. Change the definition of spouse to align the timeline by which a person on ODSP is considered common-law with a person not receiving disability support.</p> <p>Re-start the basic income pilot.</p>		

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<b>End predatory lending</b>				
<p>Support the creation of alternative, low-interest loan products.</p> <p>Enforce the ban on rollover loans by creating a user real-time database to monitor and avoid rollovers from company to company</p> <p>Create protections for installment/rent- to-own/title loans.</p>	?	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p><b>Ban predatory payday loans.</b> Establish a Borrower's Bill of Rights and Payday Loans Taskforce to recommend alternative financial products, to replace this predatory industry.</p> <p>Set up an independent Consumer Watchdog to handle consumer complaints and investigate businesses.</p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>Prohibit "payday" lending and work with credit unions to develop a low-cost, small loan alternative to help people get out of debt.</p>	NO
<b>Affordable Child Care</b>				
Fast track to ensure \$10 a day childcare program.	YES Make child care discounts retroactive to January 1, 2022.	YES Speed up the implementation of \$10-a-day child care.	YES Ensure continued funding for \$10-a-day childcare in all communities.	?

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Allocate additional funds to ensure adequate number of child care centres and spaces in low-income/underserved communities and programming for parents who perform shift work/weekend hours etc.	<p>Reduce fees for before and after-school care to \$10 a day by September 2022.</p> <p>Create 30,000 jobs for early childhood educators and other staff.</p> <p>Better pay and benefits and compensation grid in line with full-day kindergarten.</p> <p>Better equip ECEs, provide free tuition for all ECE programs at Ontario's colleges and improve recruitment, retention and professional development opportunities.</p>	<p>Immediately increase the wage for child care workers to \$25 per hour for ECEs, and \$20 per hour for other staff.</p> <p>Bring in a Workforce Strategy. Develop and implement a wage grid and decent work standards and benefits.</p> <p>Provide high-quality inclusive child care options that fit their circumstances.</p> <p>Provide stable base funding for licensed home child care providers.</p> <p>Build sufficient regulated child care services.</p> <p>Province-wide strategy to guarantee expansion of public/non-profit child care – any government-funded expansion to be non-profit.</p>	<p>Provide ECEs with a fair wage of at least \$25 per hour.</p>	

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	<b>Workers' rights</b>			
Implement a 10 permanent paid sick days program accessible to all workers, that can be taken consecutively.	YES Give 10 paid sick days to all workers	YES Legislate 10 permanent personal emergency leave days for all workers, so they can stay home if they are sick or are caring for a sick child.	YES Increase the number of provincially-legislated paid sick days to ten, and provide small businesses financial support to fund the program.	NO
<b>▶▶ Number of Seats</b>				
Number of Seats in current Session of Government (2018 - 2022)	7	39	1	67

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## Platforms:

Ontario ACORN Provincial Platform:

<https://acorncanada.org/resource/ontario-votes-2022>

Ontario Liberal Provincial Platform:

<https://ontarioliberal.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Ontario-Liberal-Platform.pdf>

Ontario NDP Provincial Platform:

[https://www.ontariondp.ca/sites/default/files/ondp\\_platform\\_booklet\\_bilingual\\_final\\_26apr\\_compressed.pdf](https://www.ontariondp.ca/sites/default/files/ondp_platform_booklet_bilingual_final_26apr_compressed.pdf)

NDP Housing Plan: <https://www.ontariondp.ca/housing>

Ontario Green Provincial Platform:

<https://files.ontariogreens.ca/platform/gpo-platform-2022-en-web.pdf>

Ontario Progressive Conservatives:

<https://ontariopc.ca/only-doug-ford-and-the-ontario-pcs-will-build-1-5-million-homes-over-10-years%EF%BF%BC/>