



# ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

Name: Alex Wilson	Ward: 13	Are you a landlord / own rental property in Hamilton?  No.	Have you attended an ACORN event (online town hall, direct action, tenant meeting, press conference, chapter meeting, fundraiser) between 2018 - August 2022?  YES!
<b>Municipal Election Priorities</b>	<b>Campaign Asks</b>	<b>If elected, would you commit to working towards this item? (yes/no)</b>	<b>Rationale for response (optional)</b>
<b>Housing - Healthy Homes and tenant protection from renoviction</b>	Develop and implement a city wide landlord licensing program to protect tenants from substandard housing conditions and restrict renoviction.	Yes!	It's clear we will also need a licensing program or other mechanism like it to ensure rentals can receive climate retrofits as well! I have long supported this program and it's past time to take it City wide!
	Improvements to the Tenant Defense Fund (funding, expansion of issues covered, tenant outreach and support).	Yes!	

	Create a robust proactive tenant education program to inform tenants of their rights when a building is sold and track reports of tenant displacement.	Yes!	
	End financial incentives to developers / landlords who have a history of displacing Hamilton tenants.	Yes!	Thank you to ACORN for your existing work on this with Malleum!
<b>Housing - Demoviction</b>	Create a city wide rental replacement and tenant assistance policy to protect tenants from demoviction and prevent loss of affordable housing based on the strong policy from Burnby, BC.	Yes!	
<b>Housing - Definition of affordable housing</b>	We need the City of Hamilton's affordable housing definition to prioritize housing for ODSP & OW recipients, fixed income seniors and low wage workers - target low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).	Yes!	
<b>Housing - Affordable housing on public land</b>	Ensure rent control in all market rentals created.	Yes!	
	Keep public land in public control.	Yes!	

	<p>100% affordable housing on public land targeting low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).</p>	<p>Yes!</p>	
<p><b>Housing - Affordable housing on private land</b></p>	<p>The City of Hamilton create a bold inclusionary zoning policy that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A set aside rate of minimum 40% affordable housing in all new condo &amp; apartment developments where IZ can be used</li> <li>● Affordable units built with IZ policies be kept affordable forever</li> <li>● Require targets for accessible housing</li> <li>● Target incomes of \$30,000 or less for affordability. We need affordable housing for Hamiltonians - ODSP/OW recipients, low wage workers and fixed income seniors</li> <li>● IZ policy apply to minimum amount of units as set out in the</li> </ul>	<p>Yes!</p>	

	provincial policy (10 units or more).		
<b>Internet For All</b>	Investigate a city owned and controlled municipal broadband program to ensure low income Hamiltonians have access to affordable home internet.	Yes!	Yes, all three of these will be explicitly in the final platform as well.
	Expand free public WiFi to more of Hamilton's parks.	Yes!	
	Free Wi-Fi access on HSR buses, bus terminals and the LRT.	Yes!	
<b>Coming - Extreme Heat in Hamilton apartments</b>	ACORN Hamilton is currently organizing on the issue of extreme heat in apartments. We will be releasing our demands in front of City Hall - September 7th @ noon.		See you there!
<b>Additional platform demands</b>	No encampment evictions	Yes!	
	Expansion of public transit throughout the city	Yes!	
	Affordable public transit for low income users	Yes!	I would like to collaborate on how to work with ACORN members on developing a phased plan for Free Public Transit that doesn't waste resources on means testing and gate keeping.

	Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary (already voted on by Hamilton City Council)	Yes!	
	City wide sidewalk snow removal	Yes!	
	Increase support for Hamilton's homeless	Yes!	