



# ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

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| Name: Alex Wilson   | Ward: 13  | Are you a landlord / own rental property in Hamilton?<br><br>No.           | Have you attended an ACORN event (online town hall, direct action, tenant meeting, press conference, chapter meeting, fundraiser) between 2018 - August 2022?<br><br>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!   |  |

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|  | 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! |   |

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|   | 100% affordable housing on public land targeting low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).   | Yes! |  |
| <b>Housing - Affordable housing on private land</b> | <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> | Yes! |  |

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|   | 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. |

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|  | 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! |  |