



ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

<p>Name:</p> <p>Anthony Frisina</p>	<p>Ward:</p> <p>Ward 8</p>	<p>Are you a landlord / own rental property in Hamilton?</p> <p>No</p> <p>*If yes* Will you be declaring a conflict of interest on tenant issues if elected?</p>	<p>Have you attended an ACORN event (online town hall, direct action, tenant meeting, press conference, chapter meeting) between 2018 - August 2022?</p> <p>No</p>
Municipal Election Priorities	Campaign Asks	If elected, would you commit to working towards this item? (yes/no)	Rationale for response (optional)
<p>Housing - Healthy Homes and tenant protection from renoviction</p>	<p>Develop and implement a city wide landlord licensing program to protect tenants from substandard housing conditions and restrict renoviction.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes, after determining if this type of Hamilton-wide licensing program is capable</p>
	<p>Improvements to the Tenant Defense Fund (funding, expansion of issues covered, tenant outreach and support).</p>	<p>Yes</p>	

	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	Need to create a proactive program for tenant rights in general as well.
	End financial incentives to developers / landlords who have a history of displacing Hamilton tenants.	Yes	
Housing - Demoviction	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 Burnaby, BC.		Is this the program you are referring to? https://www.burnaby.ca/our-city/programs-and-policies/housing
Housing - Definition of affordable housing	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	Also needs to include more at-risk categories, other considerations related to disabilities (ie: not all disabilities require physical barrier-free accommodations), and consider funding received from other governmental organizations and child/spousal support. Also, needing good credit eliminates many from applying for this program.

Housing - Affordable housing on public land	Ensure rent control in all market rentals created.	Yes	
	Keep public land in public control.		Seems to be too much of a blanket statement so please clarify
	100% affordable housing on public land targeting low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).		Why is \$30K being chosen, rather than LICO/living wage?
Housing - Affordable housing on private land	<p>The City of Hamilton create a bold inclusionary zoning policy that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A set aside rate of minimum 40% affordable housing in all new condo & apartment developments where IZ can be used ● Affordable units built with IZ policies be kept affordable forever ● Require targets for accessible housing ● Target incomes of \$30,000 or less for affordability. We need affordable housing for Hamiltonians - ODSP/OW recipients, 		<p>Questions before answering yes or no to this statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What does “inclusionary” mean? Sounds like it’s specific to financial inclusion. ● What is the current rate of affordable housing? ● Why is \$30K being chosen, rather than LICO/living wage? ● What are the targets for accessible housing? The AODA should not be a minimum standard in my mind. ● What provincial policy are you referring to?

	<p>low wage workers and fixed income seniors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IZ policy apply to minimum amount of units as set out in the provincial policy (10 units or more). 		
Internet For All	Investigate a city owned and controlled municipal broadband program to ensure low income Hamiltonians have access to affordable home internet.	Yes	
	Expand free public WiFi to more of Hamilton's parks.	Yes	
	Free Wi-Fi access on HSR buses, bus terminals and the LRT.	Yes	
Coming - Extreme Heat in Hamilton apartments	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.	Not a voting issue but I look forward to reading the report	
Additional platform demands	No encampment evictions	Yes	
	Expansion of public transit throughout the city	Yes	
	Affordable public transit for low income users	Yes	Specifically, geared-to-income

	Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary (already voted on by Hamilton City Council)	Unsure	Need more clarification about where expansion should go, including more affordable housing units...?
	City wide sidewalk snow removal	Yes and no	Continue with residents/businesses clearing snow on sidewalks, with the option to register with the City if they are unable to clear
	Increase support for Hamilton's homeless	Yes	Including increase funding for mental health issues and diagnoses within the homeless and unhomed population
Ward Specific Ward 5 Candidates Only			
Community and park space in Riverdale	<p>ACORN is calling on the Ward 5 Councillor to commit to working with tenants in the neighborhood and the Hamilton School Board to improve the vital green and community space outside Dominic Agostino Riverdale Community Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Daily garbage clean up in the summer ● More garbage cans and recycling bins 	N/A	N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fix and/or replace the existing picnic tables and benches, and add new seating for families throughout the park ● Expand the playground ● Install drinking fountains ● More trees planted around the park perimeter to provide more shade during the hot summer months. ● Consult the community on fixing or replacing the broken cricket court ● Enforce property standards to the adjacent apartment building who has allowed the fencing to degrade causing dangerous conditions next to the park 		
Redevelopment of Eastgate Square	The redevelopment should include community benefits - affordable housing, green space and transit.	N/A	N/A

My answers are contingent on ensuring one's dignity and self-respect are maintained.

~ Anthony Frisina, Hamilton Council Candidate for Ward 8