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FOR **WARD 2** COUNCILLOR

Hamilton ACORN - 2022 Municipal Candidate Survey
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<p>Name: Cameron Kroetsch</p>	<p>Ward: 2</p>	<p>Are you a landlord / own rental property in Hamilton? 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, fundraiser) between 2018 - August 2022?</p> <p>Yes, several. Love the annual Power Dinner and the Slumlord Tours!</p>
<p>Municipal Election Priorities</p>	<p>Campaign Asks</p>	<p>If elected, would you commit to working towards this item? (yes/no)</p>	<p>Rationale for response (optional)</p>
<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>Every member of our community deserves a safe and healthy home. My platform includes a priority point that addresses this item.</p>

	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	
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 Burnby, BC.	Yes	Every member of our community deserves the right to feel secure in their home. My platform includes a priority point that addresses this item.
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	In my view, There is no "affordable housing" option that starts at 125% of the market rate. Affordable rents must be geared to income and take into account the current rates of OW & ODSP as they relate to unaffordability in the housing market.

<p>Housing - Affordable housing on public land</p>	<p>Ensure rent control in all market rentals created.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Every member of our community deserves the right to know how much their expenses will increase annually. My platform includes a priority point that addresses this item.</p>
	<p>Keep public land in public control.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Selling off public land is a losing proposition for the City of Hamilton. The City should retain lands and lease them out for intentional uses (like building affordable housing).</p>
	<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>Public land is the only land on which affordable housing is likely to be built without offering costly incentives to private developers. While it may also be in the City's interest to incentivize development, we should start with the assets we already own.</p>

<p>Housing - Affordable housing on private land</p>	<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, low wage workers and fixed income seniors ● IZ policy apply to minimum amount of units as set out in the provincial policy (10 units or more). 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The threshold of 40% affordable housing, on a site by site basis, may not be practical in every instance, especially where existing building preservation (with a church or other historic building, for instance) or site remediation are considerable factors. It's especially important to ensure that units are accessible if they're going to be built by the City of Hamilton. The waiting times for accessible affordable housing units are extraordinarily long, putting people in precarious living situations.</p>
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<p>Internet For All</p>	<p>Investigate a city owned and controlled municipal broadband program to ensure low income Hamiltonians have access to affordable home internet.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Every member of our community deserves affordable access to the internet. My platform includes a priority point that addresses this item.</p>
	<p>Expand free public WiFi to more of Hamilton's parks.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Every member of our community deserves easy access to the internet. My platform includes a priority point that addresses this item.</p>
	<p>Free Wi-Fi access on HSR buses, bus terminals and the LRT.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Every member of our community deserves access to the internet while using public transit. My platform includes a priority point that addresses this item.</p>
<p>Coming - Extreme Heat in Hamilton apartments</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>My platform includes the following priority - Retrofit CityHousing buildings to provide emergency cooling and heating relief during extreme weather - this will provide relief to residents and will create a backbone of staff support to support residents on site when these events occur</p>	

Additional platform demands	No encampment evictions	Yes	Evicting residents, without safe places for them to go, is not an adequate plan for addressing the root causes of homelessness like affordable housing with wrap around supports.
	Expansion of public transit throughout the city	Yes	Every member of our community deserves access to public transit. My platform includes a priority point that addresses this item.
	Affordable public transit for low income users	Yes	
	Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary (already voted on by Hamilton City Council)	Yes	Expanding the urban boundary is the wrong way to go. The environmental and economic costs are too high, not sustainable, and will not adequately address our current housing crisis. My platform includes a priority point that addresses this item.
	City wide sidewalk snow removal	Yes	Every member of our community deserves to be able to get out, year round. My platform includes a priority point that addresses this item.
	Increase support for Hamilton's homeless	Yes	