



ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

<p>Name: Eric Tuck</p>	<p>Ward:4</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, press conference, chapter meeting) between 2018 - August 2022? yes</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>Yes, as someone who grew up in Hamilton housing and started my family in a co-operative housing, I know first hand the importance of a safe place for families to grow and thrive.</p>
	<p>Improvements to the Tenant Defense Fund (funding, expansion of issues covered, tenant outreach and support).</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Housing is a crucial part of someone's social safety net. When allowed to decay it is the first step in a spiraling</p>

			decline. As someone involved in the labour movement I also know the importance of supporting collectives coming together and creating accountability and support. The Tenant Defense Fund is essential and should be expanded.
	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	Education is power- by supporting a Tenants and landlord advisory office to ensure both know their rights and obligations is extremely important.
	End financial incentives to developers / landlords who have a history of displacing Hamilton tenants.	Yes	The City should not be aiding in the Renoviction process and should be looking to financially penalize such practices.
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	We have a tree replacement policy in Hamilton, yet have not implemented protections for affordable housing. Is it any wonder we have a national housing crisis and record homelessness in this City.
Housing - Definition of affordable housing	We need the City of Hamilton's affordable housing definition to prioritize housing for ODSP & OW recipients, fixed income	Yes	Affordable housing can only be defined by Geared to income. As families struggle through ups and downs related to a

	seniors and low wage workers - target low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).		free market economy, accommodating rental housing with flexibility to meet those income fluctuations is necessary. There are many folks living on fixed income in Ward 4, and currently many don't have any options if they were to lose their housing.
Housing - Affordable housing on public land	Ensure rent control in all market rentals created.	Yes	Once rental rates are established increases need to be justified. Rent control is essential to pro
	Keep public land in public control.	Yes	This is public land that should belong to and be enjoyed by the public.
	100% affordable housing on public land targeting low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).	Yes	The City of Hamilton and all levels of government must leverage every inch of Public land to accommodate true Affordable housing.
Housing - Affordable housing on private land	The City of Hamilton create a bold inclusionary zoning policy that includes: <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 	Yes	Inclusionary zoning bylaws are absolutely justified in waterfront and major transit hubs. These projects are exploited by big developers for huge profits. The fact is without major investments by taxpayers and intrusion/loss of prime access to waterfronts infringing on public views and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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>access to public spaces comes with a serious cost. Taxpayers deserve a fair return on our investments in terms of affordable housing and guaranteed access for all including the most vulnerable. There are many residents in Ward 4 who live on very limited and fixed incomes who have nowhere else to go if they were to lose their current housing. Setting targets and holding ourselves accountable to them in order to ensure folks are not left behind is necessary.</p>
<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>In today's world being connected is a vital part of basic education and development. Internet access is a requirement to be able to apply for employment, search for housing, and stay connected and involved in your community. This is even more true since the pandemic began.</p>

	Expand free public WiFi to more of Hamilton's parks.	Yes	What a great way to continue to promote our amazing parks and greenspaces!
	Free Wi-Fi access on HSR buses, bus terminals and the LRT.	Yes	A great way to promote transit and improve the experience on transit.
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.	Yes	We have focused for years on minimum temperature protections to save lives and with global warming we need to address this real threat to our most at risk population.
Additional platform demands	No encampment evictions	Yes- unless imminent danger	Nobody should lose their only means of shelter unless they pose a direct danger to others. Encampments are a result of the lack of alternative housing options in Hamilton. Our shelter system is unable to accommodate the needs of many of our houseless population and often are not a safe place for many who find themselves houseless. They can also be particularly dangerous for women, people of colour, indigenous people, and members of the LGBTQ2SI+ community. It is understandable why many choose to. In every case it

			should be humane and respectful and alternative housing options must be made available.
	Expansion of public transit throughout the city	Yes	An expanded public transit system is essential for Hamilton as we continue to grow and transform. Transit plays an essential role in how many residents commute in the city, but also get to know and explore our city. Expanded transit provides more opportunity for folks to appreciate the many different areas, businesses and greenspaces in our city.
	Affordable public transit for low income users	Yes	For low income users, transit is the only viable method they have to get around besides walking, which is not always an option for many. Using public transit to get to and from where you need to go should not be unaffordable to those who need it most.
	Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary (already voted on by Hamilton City Council)	Yes	We must grow up, not out.
	City wide sidewalk snow removal	Yes	As a City with an ever ageing population snow removal

			needs to be part of our services to promote accessibility and independence.
	Increase support for Hamilton's homeless	Yes	I am excited and encouraged by the HATS project and would support zoning changes to offer transitional housing.
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 ● Fix and/or replace the existing picnic tables and benches, and add new seating for families throughout the park ● Expand the playground 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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.		