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<p>Name: Ian MacPherson</p>	<p>Ward: One</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? No</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 renovation</p>	<p>Develop and implement a city wide landlord licensing program to protect tenants from substandard housing conditions and restrict renovation.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>I would eliminate things like renovation but at the same time we need to work with landlords to figure out how to make rent affordable for citizens and profitable for investors. This would have to be a negotiation between landlords, council members, banks and private lenders as it is unreasonable to ask anyone to invest in a losing investment and this has become the case</p>

			with the interest rates rising to over 5%.
	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	I would insure that the city/council members inform tenants of this via letter or on the city website, before the finalized sale.
	End financial incentives to developers / landlords who have a history of displacing Hamilton tenants.	Yes	As previously mentioned I would work with tenants and landlords, but if the landlord is known to put profits ahead of human rights there will be no negotiations.
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	
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	Yes	The Provincial Policy Act states "affordable" as 30% of one's annual income. I would make this stand true throughout Hamilton for those individuals of low income. I would put

	incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).		forth the notion that 15-20% of all new developments be affordable, meaning geared to income of 30% of one's annual income.
Housing - Affordable housing on public land	Ensure rent control in all market rentals created.	Yes	
	Keep public land in public control.	Yes	
	100% affordable housing on public land targeting low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).	No	I believe a mixture of demographics is better for individual growth. In addition, if it is a mixed income property the city will make more income to re-invest in that property and others. Now if this is based on affordable being 30% of ones annual income, then yes. As this would mean that someone that makes 100,000\$ annually would pay about three times the amount for the same dwelling as someone who makes 36,000\$
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 	Yes	But as previously mentioned I think 15-20% is more realistic than jumping to 40%, as this may scare off outside investors.

	<p>new condo & apartment developments where IZ can be used</p> <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). 		
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	As long as this doesn't take away from the HSRs current budget.
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	
Additional platform demands	No encampment evictions	Yes	This is not an answer to any of the issues that lead to homelessness. We need to address the root cause and start supporting programs like HATS, as they are addressing and supplying a real answer to these issues.
	Expansion of public transit throughout the city	Yes	
	Affordable public transit for low income users	Yes	
	Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary (already voted on by Hamilton City Council)	Yes	Mixed high-rise buildings in commercial/industrial areas is the best solution for the increase in population.
	City wide sidewalk snow removal	Yes	
	Increase support for Hamilton's homeless	Yes	

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 ● 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 		

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