



ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

<p>Name: Jason Farr</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? 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 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>Policy work pending</p>
	<p>Improvements to the Tenant Defense Fund (funding, expansion of issues covered, tenant outreach and support).</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>I proudly supported the existing Tenant Defence Fund during this term of council. Enhancements welcome.</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	
	End financial incentives to developers / landlords who have a history of displacing Hamilton tenants.	Yes	Important study required and reviewing of legalities mandated by the Municipal Act
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	I proudly covered Demoviction tenant assistance through our Downtown Hamilton Secondary Plan. Our city's most progressive and inclusive Secondary Plan.
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	Much of this already the cas (informally).
Housing - Affordable housing on public land	Ensure rent control in all market rentals created.	Yes	
	Keep public land in public control.	No	I chair the affordable housing site selection sub-committee.

			Some parcels are best sold with all profits dedicated to affordable housing projects elsewhere.
	100% affordable housing on public land targeting low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).	No	This has the potential to take away opportunities from land sales project proceeds to housing projects elsewhere
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, 	No	This is a laudable desire, however with my three terms on the Planning Committee, it is very likely to result in investments bypassing our city. We have an obligation to grow.

	<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	My continued efforts at city housing Hamilton has already moved the yardsticks on this effort. Many residents enjoying greatly reduced internet fees now - more to come
	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.	yes	
Additional platform demands	No encampment evictions	no	Housing First is our policy. We tried sanctioned encampments more extensively than any other city and the result was unsafe inhumane conditions for all

			stakeholders especially those encamped
	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	
	City wide sidewalk snow removal	yes	I proudly supported the current enhancement for sidewalks along all bus routes
	Increase support for Hamilton's homeless	yes	Last term we funded approx 500 million toward Homeless prevention and housing homeless. Half of that local Dollars - unprecedented investment unmatched elsewhere in Ontario.
Ward Specific Ward 11 Candidate Questions			
As a rapidly growing part of Hamilton, if elected what would your plan be to bring deeply affordable rentals to Binbrook?			
Will your election campaign include canvassing and outreach to the apartments in Binbrook to speak to potential voters?			

