



ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

<p>Name: KEVIN GEENEN</p>	<p>Ward: 5 (RED HILL TO GRAY RD + THE BEACH STRIP)</p>	<p>Are you a landlord / own rental property in Hamilton? No, but I have been a tenant within the past 5 years.</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>I have not, but I plan to be involved if elected.</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>Potentially yes.</p>	<p>I am interested in hearing from all sides regarding this issue and will make my decision from there.</p>
	<p>Improvements to the Tenant Defense Fund (funding, expansion of issues covered, tenant outreach and support).</p>	<p>Potentially yes.</p>	<p>My decision on this issue depends on the funds available for expansion.</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.		
	End financial incentives to developers / landlords who have a history of displacing Hamilton tenants.	Yes.	I will be taking into account developers' history when making such decisions.
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.	Potentially.	I will look into this issue in further detail if elected.
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.	The definition of affordable housing definitely needs revision.
Housing - Affordable housing on public land	Ensure rent control in all market rentals created.	Potentially yes.	I will look into this issue in further detail if elected.
	Keep public land in public control.	Potentially yes.	This issue would probably be more on a case-by-case basis.

	100% affordable housing on public land targeting low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).	Potentially yes.	I will look into this issue, particularly the finances of such a decision, in further detail if elected.
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, low wage workers and fixed income seniors • IZ policy apply to minimum amount of units as set out in the 	Potentially yes.	I will look into this issue, particularly the finances of such a decision, in further detail if elected.

	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.	Potentially yes.	I will look into this issue, particularly the finances of such a decision, in further detail if elected.
	Expand free public WiFi to more of Hamilton's parks.	Potentially yes.	I will look into this issue, particularly the finances of such a decision, in further detail if elected.
	Free Wi-Fi access on HSR buses, bus terminals and the LRT.	Potentially yes.	I will look into this issue, particularly the finances of such a decision, in further detail if elected.
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.		
Additional platform demands	No encampment evictions	Potentially yes.	This issue will be a case-by-case issue for me.
	Expansion of public transit throughout the city	Potentially yes.	I will look into this issue, particularly the finances and ridership needs of such a decision, in further detail if elected.

	Affordable public transit for low income users	Potentially yes.	I will look into this issue, particularly the finances and ridership needs of such a decision, in further detail if elected.
	Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary (already voted on by Hamilton City Council)	Yes.	Hamiltonians have made clear that they want a freeze on Hamilton's urban boundary.
	City wide sidewalk snow removal	Potentially yes.	I will look into this issue, particularly the finances, in further detail if elected.
	Increase support for Hamilton's homeless	Ideally yes.	I will look into this issue, particularly the finances, in further detail if elected.
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 	I agree with all of these points.	

	<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 		
<p>Redevelopment of Eastgate Square</p>	<p>The redevelopment should include community benefits - affordable housing, green space and transit.</p>	<p>Absolutely 100%.</p>	