



# ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

<p>Name: Kojo Damptey</p>	<p>Ward: 14</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, numerous events. And I have actually participated in a number of press conferences and rallies.</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 believe every tenant in Hamilton should have dignified housing and one way to make that happen is by having a landlord licensing program. Based on your work and</p>

			<p>advocacy on this matter, I have included it in my campaign platform. You can find it here: <a href="https://www.kojoforward14.ca/platform?active=housing">https://www.kojoforward14.ca/platform?active=housing</a></p>
	<p><b>Improvements to the Tenant Defense Fund (funding, expansion of issues covered, tenant outreach and support).</b></p>	Yes	<p>With the high costs of rents and increased incidents of reno/demo-evictions the tenant defense fund is crucial to ensuring tenants have the resources they need to keep their homes.</p>
	<p><b>Create a robust proactive tenant education program to inform tenants of their rights when a building is sold and track reports of tenant displacement.</b></p>	Yes	<p>The issue of tenant displacement is something that the City should be keeping track of. If elected, I will put a motion forward to declare a housing crisis. This will set the stage to track displacements across the City.</p> <p>If elected, I will work with the ACORN Mountain Chapter and tenants across Ward 14 to inform tenants of their rights.</p>
	<p><b>End financial incentives to developers / landlords who have a history of displacing Hamilton tenants.</b></p>	Yes	
<p><b>Housing - Demoviction</b></p>	<p><b>Create a city wide rental replacement and tenant</b></p>	Yes	

	assistance policy to protect tenants from demoviction and prevent loss of affordable housing based on the strong policy from Burnby, BC.		
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	
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).	Yes	
Housing - Affordable housing on private land	The City of Hamilton create a bold inclusionary zoning policy that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A set aside rate of minimum 40% affordable housing in all new condo &amp;</li> </ul>	Yes	If elected, I will work with other Councilors to meet the inclusionary zoning targets.

	<p>apartment developments where IZ can be used</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Affordable units built with IZ policies be kept affordable forever</li> <li>● Require targets for accessible housing</li> <li>● 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</li> <li>● IZ policy apply to minimum amount of units as set out in the provincial policy (10 units or more).</li> </ul>		
<b>Internet For All</b>	<b>Investigate a city owned and controlled municipal broadband program to ensure low income Hamiltonians have access to affordable home internet.</b>	Yes	When I talk about inclusive City building, this is one of the initiatives that will get us to address the internet divide in our City based on income.
	<b>Expand free public WiFi to more of Hamilton's parks.</b>	Yes	There are several parks in the City that have access to WIFI. I believe this should be

			<p>extended to all parks across the City. I mention this in my platform.</p> <p><a href="https://www.kojoforward14.ca/platform?active=inclusive_city_building">https://www.kojoforward14.ca/platform?active=inclusive_city_building</a></p>
	<b>Free Wi-Fi access on HSR buses, bus terminals and the LRT.</b>	Yes	
<b>Coming - Extreme Heat in Hamilton apartments</b>	<b>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.</b>	I will be there to listen to your demands.	<p>The impacts of climate change can no longer be denied. That's why taking action on climate change is part of my overall campaign platform. On this issue, I would like the City to establish a City-wide policy on how we address extreme weather events all year round.</p> <p><a href="https://www.kojoforward14.ca/platform?active=climate_change">https://www.kojoforward14.ca/platform?active=climate_change</a></p>
<b>Additional platform demands</b>	<b>No encampment evictions</b>	100%	
	<b>Expansion of public transit throughout the city</b>	Yes	<p>Having a well-funded public transit system is what makes a City sustainable and climate resilient. Transit is one of the priorities of my campaign. One way we expand our transit</p>

			throughout the City is to eliminate area-rating for Transit. The second is to allocate Provincial & Federal Gas Tax revenues to expanding the bus fleet (purchasing different-sized buses and electrifying the bus fleet).
	<b>Affordable public transit for low income users</b>	Yes	
	<b>Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary (already voted on by Hamilton City Council)</b>	Yes	If the Province decides to undo what Council has voted on, I will fight against the Province.
	<b>City wide sidewalk snow removal</b>	Yes	The City will be clearing sidewalks on transit routes this winter. This is a great start. I will be advocating for full snow removal on all sidewalks in the next budget cycle.
	<b>Increase support for Hamilton's homeless</b>	Yes	
<b>Ward Specific Ward 5 Candidates Only</b>			
<b>Community and park space in Riverdale</b>	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		

	<p>Dominic Agostino Riverdale Community Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Daily garbage clean up in the summer</li><li>● More garbage cans and recycling bins</li><li>● Fix and/or replace the existing picnic tables and benches, and add new seating for families throughout the park</li><li>● Expand the playground</li><li>● Install drinking fountains</li><li>● More trees planted around the park perimeter to provide more shade during the hot summer months.</li><li>● Consult the community on fixing or replacing the broken cricket court</li><li>● Enforce property standards to the adjacent apartment building who has allowed the fencing to degrade causing dangerous conditions next to the park</li></ul>		
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<b>Redevelopment of Eastgate Square</b>	The redevelopment should include community benefits - affordable housing, green space and transit.		
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