



# ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

<p><b>Name:</b> Krysta Boyer</p>	<p><b>Ward:</b> 5 (five)</p>	<p><b>Are you a landlord / own rental property in Hamilton?</b> No</p> <p><b>*If yes* Will you be declaring a conflict of interest on tenant issues if elected?</b></p>	<p><b>Have you attended an ACORN event (online town hall, direct action, press conference, chapter meeting) between 2018 - August 2022?</b></p> <p>No. I have been a long time observer.</p>
<p><b>Municipal Election Priorities</b></p>	<p><b>Campaign Asks</b></p>	<p><b>If elected, would you commit to working towards this item? (yes/no)</b></p>	<p><b>Rationale for response (optional)</b></p>
<p><b>Housing - Healthy Homes and tenant protection from renoviction</b></p>	<p>Develop and implement a city wide landlord licensing program to protect tenants from substandard housing conditions and restrict renoviction.</p>	<p>Possibly.</p>	<p>While I want Landlords to be accountable, I want to avoid depleting inventory when we are in a housing crisis. I would like to explore the best way to successfully do this.</p>
	<p>Improvements to the Tenant Defense Fund (funding, expansion of issues covered, tenant outreach and support).</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>There are aspects to this program, ie. qualifying rates, which need to be adjusted (too low). I would want to thoroughly inspect other</p>

			elements to be sure we are considering tenants needs from a position of affordability, inclusivity and diversity.
	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 have dealt with many tenants who have no knowledge of their rights and have been in predicaments where Landlords are taking advantage of them. Education is key, as well as knowledge of resources.
	End financial incentives to developers / landlords who have a history of displacing Hamilton tenants.	Yes	Whether you are a Landlord, Developer, tenant or homeowners you are part of this community. If you do value others in our community restrictions should be put in place.
<b>Housing - Demoviction</b>	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 would add that this should be in place not only for residential tenants but also for commercial tenants.
<b>Housing - Definition of affordable housing</b>	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, and agreed.	I would add further advocacy needs to happen on behalf of these groups to provide living wages.

	incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).		
<b>Housing - Affordable housing on public land</b>	Ensure rent control in all market rentals created.	Yes	We should have more measures in place to calm the real estate and rental market to make it more affordable.
	Keep public land in public control.	Yes	And create amenities for the public on public land ie. urban farms, public art, kids play areas.
	100% affordable housing on public land targeting low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).	Not sure	While I want to see a huge increase in affordable housing, I also want to further explore the benefits of mixed housing.
<b>Housing - Affordable housing on private land</b>	<p>The City of Hamilton create a bold inclusionary zoning policy that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A set aside rate of minimum 40% affordable housing in all new condo &amp; apartment developments where IZ can be used</li> <li>● Affordable units built with IZ policies be kept affordable forever</li> <li>● Require targets for accessible housing</li> </ul>	Possibly	I have many questions about this first and would want the opportunity for further research. I do support the prospect of having a set amount of affordable housing in new developments. I want to be sure we don't discourage private investment where some projects would not be able to "afford" this amount. I would be curious to understand better how you determined this amount, and have a greater look at what

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>		would be included in this policy. I do fully support the direction it is headed in.
<b>Internet For All</b>	Investigate a city owned and controlled municipal broadband program to ensure low income Hamiltonians have access to affordable home internet.	Yes	This is a great idea.
	Expand free public WiFi to more of Hamilton's parks.	Yes	Another great idea.
	Free Wi-Fi access on HSR buses, bus terminals and the LRT.	Yes	And another great idea.
<b>Coming - Extreme Heat in Hamilton apartments</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.	Yes.	I am happy to see you doing this. I volunteer with many seniors who do not have A/C in their buildings and have no means to put it in. This should be a standard requirement when providing housing.

<b>Additional platform demands</b>	No encampment evictions	100% Yes	We need to stop criminalizing homelessness/houselessness and instead look for means to house and support our neighbours.
	Expansion of public transit throughout the city	Yes	Transit misses many areas where residents do not have the means to access transit.
	Affordable public transit for low income users	Yes	
	Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary (already voted on by Hamilton City Council)	Yes	Food security is critical. The cost to build out comes with greater costs in infrastructure and services. We should build up first.
	City wide sidewalk snow removal	Yes	The cost versus effect makes this a service which we should include.
	Increase support for Hamilton's homeless	Yes	I plan to work with community stakeholders and advocate to Provincial and Federal Governments for more funding
<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	Yes	Yes to all this, and I would like to engage with the community to see what more is needed.

	<p>community space outside 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</li></ul>		
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	dangerous conditions next to the park		
<b>Redevelopment of Eastgate Square</b>	The redevelopment should include community benefits - affordable housing, green space and transit.	Yes	Every development should include community benefits. When developers build in our community, our community needs to be front of mind.