



# ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

<p><b>Name:</b> Laura Taylor</p>	<p><b>Ward:</b> 4</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> Yes online</p>
Municipal Election Priorities	Campaign Asks	If elected, would you commit to working towards this item? (yes/no)	Rationale for response (optional)
<p><b>Housing - Healthy Homes and tenant protection from renovation</b></p>	<p>Develop and implement a city wide landlord licensing program to protect tenants from substandard housing conditions and restrict renovation.</p>		
	<p>Improvements to the Tenant Defense Fund (funding, expansion of issues covered, tenant outreach and support).</p>	<p>Yes</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.		
<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	Something I've always felt the city should be more involved in
<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 incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).	I agree with this	Right now what is deemed affordable in Hamilton is way off the mark based on average incomes and minimum wage.
<b>Housing - Affordable housing on public land</b>	Ensure rent control in all market rentals created.		
	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).		
<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> <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</li> </ul>	<p>No</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>I feel 40 percent is to high a number. I am in favour of requiring new developments to include percentages to include affordable and low income properties.</p>

	provincial policy (10 units or more).		
<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 something the city has started and we should continue with
	Expand free public WiFi to more of Hamilton's parks.		
	Free Wi-Fi access on HSR buses, bus terminals and the LRT.		
<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.	Air conditioning for all	This issue im very in favour for. Air should be the same as heat and the city can implement a by law requiring it in rental housing.
<b>Additional platform demands</b>	No encampment evictions		
	Expansion of public transit throughout the city	Yes	We need to work on finding better solutions for those in encampments. Working with organizations like HATS will begin to improve those issues.
	Affordable public transit for low income users		
	Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary (already voted on by Hamilton City Council)	Yes Yes	

	City wide sidewalk snow removal	No	The cost would be to great. However changes to the snow removal by law should be updated and fines should be increased to ensure better compliance.
	Increase support for Hamilton's homeless	Yes	
<b>Ward Specific Ward 5 Candidates Only</b>			
<b>Community and park space in Riverdale</b>	<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"> <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> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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>		
<b>Redevelopment of Eastgate Square</b>	The redevelopment should include community benefits - affordable housing, green space and transit.		