



# ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

<p><b>Name:</b></p> <p>Maureen Wilson</p>	<p><b>Ward</b></p> <p>One (1):</p>	<p><b>Are you a landlord / own rental property in Hamilton?</b></p> <p>One (1):</p> <p>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>Yes.</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>Yes</p>	<p>I supported the existing pilot for wards 1, 8 and part of 14. The same principles would cause me to support its extension across the City.</p>

	Improvements to the Tenant Defense Fund (funding, expansion of issues covered, tenant outreach and support).	Y e s	
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	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	Doesn't make moral or economic sense to use public money to displace residents. It undermines our housing goals

<p><b>Housing - Demoviction</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Yes in principle</p>	<p>I've only read about the policy online. I would need an assessment of the policy in action and the identification of any unintended consequences that inadvertently frustrated efforts to generate affordable housing supply and protect tenants</p>
<p><b>Housing - Definition of affordable housing</b></p>	<p>We need the City of Hamilton's affordable housing definition to prioritize housing for ODSP &amp; OW recipients, fixed income seniors and low wage workers - target low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>I am also sensitive to the housing needs of Indigenous Peoples/First Nations/Metis  Additionally, Mapping the Void identified the importance of affordable, safe and secure housing for Two-Spirit and LGBTIQ+ persons in Hamilton. Finally, I am also mindful of the housing needs of people</p>

			<p>who identify as women who are forced to live in violence because they have no alternative shelter. In the absence of assured housing to go to they fear losing their children &amp; often must stay in violent settings.</p>
<p><b>Housing - Affordable housing on public land</b></p>	<p>Ensure rent control in all market rentals created.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Provincial jurisdiction but there's an advocacy role for the municipality</p>

	<p>Keep public land in public <u>control</u>.</p> <p>100% affordable housing on public land targeting low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>	<p>I don't believe that 100% affordable housing in any development proposal is a healthy mixture. I think we should strive for mixed income developments (deep affordability, moderate and market) Mixed income neighbourhoods allow for mixed income classrooms. Studies indicate this offers many positives for kids including educational outcomes.</p>
<p><b>Housing - Affordable housing on private land</b></p>	<p>The City of Hamilton create a bold inclusionary zoning policy that includes:</p>	<p>I have and will continue to support inclusionary zoning. I regret the change made by Premier Ford, limiting the geographic area</p>	<p>Inclusionary zoning is housing development within a private market system with the use of</p>

		for IZ to only areas in and around transit corridors and GO. I believe it should have remained city - wide.	
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	<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 <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> </li> </ul>		<p>land use planning tools to inject affordable units. The private market has not demonstrated the capacity to offer deep affordability. In this case there is a critical role for government. I do not think that 40% is realistically achievable but I appreciate the fact that Acorn is setting a target to begin discussions as the city proceeds with this policy.</p>
<p><b>Internet For All</b></p>	<p>Investigate a city owned and controlled municipal broadband program to ensure low income Hamiltonians have access to affordable home internet.</p>	<p>Uncertain. I would need more information about what this Would entail including costs and how long this would take to realize.</p>	<p>I think digital equity is critically important. I will commit to focusing on this goal and examining the options on how to achieve equity</p>

	Expand free public WiFi to more of Hamilton's parks.	Yes	
	Free Wi-Fi access on HSR buses, bus terminals and the LRT.	Yes	
<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.		I am sorry I missed this. I came to City Hall with the goal of attending but General Issues Committee meeting was still in session at the time of the event. I will review the proposals and champion.



<p><b>Additional platform demands</b></p>	<p>No encampment evictions</p>		<p>I believe we need to reinstate a housing/health first encampment protocol driven by community consultation and outreach with individuals living in encampments, the health sector, neighbourhoods and other necessary community agencies including the municipality. Encampments are not a solution to our housing crisis. They reveal the depth of our housing and health crisis. Chasing people into the shadows when there is not appropriate shelter available is not humane.</p>
	<p>Expansion of public transit</p>	<p>Yes</p>	

	throughout the city		
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	Affordable public transit for low income users	Yes	I will make a commitment to limiting fare increases as much as possible and investing more to provide better transit service throughout the urban area. We need to end area rating for our HSR. You cannot have a reliable, accessible quality urban public transit system with the existing two tier funding arrangement that was put in place in 1974.
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	Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary (already voted on by Hamilton City Council)	Yes	I campaigned in 2018 on a firm urban boundary and maintained that commitment when it came time to consider this issue. Sprawl was never and will never be financially or environmentally sustainable. It is also inequitable. Those with the least are paying the most, proportionately, of their incomes toward property taxes (renters and owners). And, there is little possibility for lower income residents to find affordable housing in sprawl developments.
	City wide sidewalk snow removal	Yes	I moved the motion at Hamilton City Council which will see an addition +700 km