



ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

<p>Name: Nrinder Nann</p>	<p>Ward: 3</p>	<p>Are you a landlord / own rental property in Hamilton?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Anti-renovictions By-law press conference at City Hall and regular update meetings and discussion on this issue.</p> <p>Attended Inclusionary Zoning Community Virtual Event as a panelist.</p> <p>Met with members as it related to Malleum Properties and the City's Incentive Grant Program Funds going to applicants regularly displacing tenants.</p>
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Municipal Election Priorities	Campaign Asks	If elected, would you commit to working towards this item? (yes/no)	Rationale for response (optional)
Housing - Healthy Homes and tenant protection from renovation	Develop and implement a city wide landlord licensing program to protect tenants from substandard housing conditions and restrict renovation.	Yes.	We need to draw on the learnings from the pilot and scale it city wide to ensure safe, dignified housing for all and to keep landlords accountable. Rental housing in the private market is a for profit business and should be licensed and held accountable accordingly.
	Improvements to the Tenant Defense Fund (funding, expansion of issues covered, tenant outreach and support).	Yes.	More residents need to know it is available and it ought to cover more eligible activity.
	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.	Whether it is the City or another agency, this information when developed ought to be easily found by any renter living in the city.

	End financial incentives to developers / landlords who have a history of displacing Hamilton tenants.	Yes.	I will continue my track record on this issue and ensure no public funds go towards the displacement of Hamilton residents.
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.	Yes.	It is underdevelopment now and it needs to be robust for implementation.
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.	We need to bring back rent control. Housing is a human right and therefore its cost should not exceed more than 30% of household income.
	Keep public land in public control.	Yes.	This needs to be coupled with a clear land acquisition and disposition strategy that allocates any revenue

			generated towards affordable housing development.
	100% affordable housing on public land targeting low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).	Yes.	I believe we need to ensure we maximize public lands to develop mixed income housing that fosters a sense of belonging and wellbeing regardless of income level. Best social cohesion comes when we live among diversity. I want to see bolder targets set for housing development on public lands that guarantees housing geared to income rates for rent and purchase.
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 	Yes	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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.	Yes	The real digital divide became so apparent during the pandemic, when so many services had to pivot to virtual and online platforms and many residents could not access it. Having reliable and affordable access to the Internet has become a prerequisite for individuals to actively participate in our communities, economy and daily life activities.
	Expand free public WiFi to more of Hamilton's parks.	Yes	
	Free Wi-Fi access on HSR buses, bus terminals and the LRT.	Yes	

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.	Great!	I have included the need to protect tenants facing heat in our by-laws. Read more about it in my platform ourward3.ca
Additional platform demands	No encampment evictions	Yes	
	Expansion of public transit throughout the city	Yes	Reinstate all Transit Strategy investments and accelerate our BLAST Network development.
	Affordable public transit for low income users	Yes	
	Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary (already voted on by Hamilton City Council)	Yes	We must push back against the Provincial Government agenda to develop into the Greenbelt and sacrifice future generations for immediate profit of private developers.
	City wide sidewalk snow removal	Yes	I was proud to champion this at Council and get us to Phase 1 effective November 2022 to enhance access and safety in the winter season for all residents along HRS routes.
	Increase support for Hamilton's homeless	Yes	I will continue to champion for real solutions that couple expanded health and housing supports that help facilitate reintegration while preserving dignity and agency.

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 ● 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. 	Yes.	As a non-Ward 5 candidate it is important to support these calls from tenants. What I would support in Ward 3 must be supported City-wide.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 		
Redevelopment of Eastgate Square	The redevelopment should include community benefits - affordable housing, green space and transit.	Yes, 100%.	