



ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

<p>Name: Pascale Marchand</p>	<p>Ward: 4</p>	<p>Are you a landlord / own rental property in Hamilton? No. *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, press conference, chapter meeting) between 2018 - August 2022? Yes.</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'm curious to see the results of the Rental Housing Licensing Pilot Program through the City.</p>
	<p>Improvements to the Tenant Defense Fund (funding, expansion of issues covered, tenant outreach and support).</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>A defense fund was identified as an important tool to avoid displacement in studies of Brooklyn Heights and Washington D.C.</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.	Yes	A study of the Brooklyn Heights redevelopment recommended that if the tenants had better support, and knew their rights, local residents would not have been displaced as much.
	End financial incentives to developers / landlords who have a history of displacing Hamilton tenants.	Yes	Community benefits are important; this includes ensuring that the organizations that the City works with are reputable.
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	People build their lives around their homes and neighbourhood. It's important to respect that and to support tenants so they are not displaced.
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	Affordable housing should be based on the average income for the area, not the city as a whole. Affordable housing should also be geared to be affordable for people living on Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Works.
Housing - Affordable housing on public land	Ensure rent control in all market rentals created.	Yes	Also advocate to the province to have stricter rent increase limits.

	Keep public land in public control.	Yes	However, if there is an opportunity to provide land back to First Nations, like the City did for the Biindigen Wellness Center, then I would.
	100% affordable housing on public land targeting low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).	Yes	Also increase the stock of CityHousing units.
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 ● Target incomes of \$30,000 or less for affordability. We need affordable housing for Hamiltonians - ODSP/OW recipients, 	Yes	I made a similar recommendation to the City of Hamilton through my work on the Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee. Women, trans and non binary folks, in comparison to those who are not, are more likely to experience poverty. Truly affordable, and I would add accessible, housing is needed in Hamilton.

	<p>low wage workers and fixed income seniors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 call for broadband accessibility has been repeated by many organizations to tackle poverty and ensure a just transition.
	Expand free public WiFi to more of Hamilton's parks.	Yes	Currently, in Ward 4 only Parkdale Park has access to WiFi. This could be expanded to other parks like Montgomery Park, Leaside Park, Mahoney Park, and the Hillcrest Park.
	Free Wi-Fi access on HSR buses, bus terminals and the LRT.	Yes	As a transit user, I make great use of WiFi on the buses.
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! Yes	I've already RSVP'd.
Additional platform demands	No encampment evictions	Yes	Encampments are a sign that the current system is not

			working. We must apply short and long term solutions to support people so that they do not experience homelessness.
	Expansion of public transit throughout the city	Yes	I am a transit user myself. I rely on the HSR, the GO, and Hamilton Bike Share to get around. We must embrace alternate modes of transportation.
	Affordable public transit for low income users	Yes	Through my work on the Board of Directors for Hamilton Bike Share and our equity program Everyone Rides Initiative, we provide discounted Pedal Passes to people in financial need so they can access bikes. I would continue to support that, especially if we can bring Bike Share to Ward 4. There is also a discussion happening about free transit which is exciting.
	Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary (already voted on by Hamilton City Council)	Yes	I would continue to support keeping the current urban boundary. We are privileged to have access to some of the most nutritious soil in Canada. We must protect it.
	City wide sidewalk snow removal	Yes	I met a man who is being treated for cancer, living off his

			<p>pension, and failed to keep up with the snow removal on King St E in the winter 2021-2022, when the city's plows would push the snow from the road back onto the sidewalk. He received a ticket from the city. This is backwards. This person needed help to remove the snow not a fine. Cities like Montreal, who have much more snowfall, plow sidewalks. It is possible here as well.</p>
	Increase support for Hamilton's homeless	Yes	I support the Housing First approach and the Right to Housing, as recommended by the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction. This provides a safe space to support people as they navigate out of homelessness.
Ward Specific Ward 5 Candidates Only			
Community and park space in Riverdale	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">● 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.● 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		
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Redevelopment of Eastgate Square	The redevelopment should include community benefits - affordable housing, green space and transit.		
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