



ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

<p>Name: Robert Baboth</p>	<p>Ward: 12</p>	<p>Are you a landlord / own rental property in Hamilton? 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) between 2018 - August 2022?</p> <p>No</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 renoviction</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>This is the fair thing to do. We cannot be throwing our most vulnerable citizens out on the street</p>
	<p>Improvements to the Tenant Defense Fund (funding, expansion of issues covered, tenant outreach and support).</p>	<p>I would first need to understand the different components and rational.</p>	<p>Once I have had the opportunity to do this I can start to address and gaps that exists.</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	Need to know where our displaced tenants have ended up making sure they are not taken advantage of.
	End financial incentives to developers / landlords who have a history of displacing Hamilton tenants.	Would need to fully understand our current policies.	
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	I would commit to fully understanding the B.C. model for compatibility in our city
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).	Agreed	I need to understand how we are currently prioritizing this list
Housing - Affordable housing on public land	Ensure rent control in all market rentals created.	Yes	

	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).		I would support affordable housing on public land but would not be able to commit to 100% until I have a better lens into how we determine the budgeting process and how funds are allocated.
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, 	<p>These are all worth while targets. I would need more information on our current zoning policies. Affordable housing needs to exist to better support the vulnerable group of individuals within our city. Without know the budgeting process, what is currently available and what are the possible 'trade-offs'. IZ policies make it possible to have mixed income developments in our city. I would not be able to give a clear answer but will commit to work with ACORN representatives, City Council and the planning committee to work towards these targeted recommendations.</p>	

	<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	Need to fully understand the current funding arrangement (if any) and any possible constraints. Many low income families would have been at a disadvantage when children were forced to do their schooling from home.
	Expand free public WiFi to more of Hamilton's parks.	Yes	Need to understand any budgeting constraints.
	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.		The safety and well being of individuals are at stake. Heating and air conditioning for our most vulnerable citizens needs to be brought to the forefront.
Additional platform demands	No encampment evictions	Safety/welfare are at stake. Need to learn more about encampment, the locations, the safety protocols that are in	

		place, the welfare of both those living in the encampment and any adjoining neighbourhood before committing to this item	
	Expansion of public transit throughout the city	Yes	
	Affordable public transit for low income users	Yes	
	Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary (already voted on by Hamilton City Council)	Yes	
	City wide sidewalk snow removal	Maybe	Understand the total cost of implementing this
	Increase support for Hamilton's homeless	Yes	
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 		

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

