



ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

<p>Name: Stefan Spolnik</p>	<p>Ward: 6</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, tenant meeting, press conference, chapter meeting, fundraiser) between 2018 - August 2022? 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>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.	Yes	Many tenants are unaware of the rights they hold under the Landlord and Tenant Act, and therefore get taken advantage of. Education sessions are a great and much needed idea to inform tenants of their rights.
	End financial incentives to developers / landlords who have a history of displacing Hamilton tenants.	Yes	We need increased housing density in the city, but doing this at the cost of displacing residents is not acceptable.
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	
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	

	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).	Yes	
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, low wage workers and fixed income seniors 	Yes	I believe every person has the right to live in a nice space with reliable amenities and ensuring all new builds have affordable units will help make this a reality.

	<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	
	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.	Yes	
Additional platform demands	No encampment evictions	Yes	Encampment evictions should only be limited to parks where children frequent, and only on the grounds of recorded unsafe behaviour.
	Expansion of public transit throughout the city	Yes	Many newly developed neighbourhoods have very limited access to public transportation.

	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	Yes	The city has an aging population and no senior should have the responsibility of snow removal.
	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 ● More garbage cans and recycling bins ● Fix and/or replace the existing picnic tables and benches, and add 		

	<p>new seating for families throughout the park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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>		