



ACORN - Municipal Candidates Survey - 2022

<p>Name: Tammy Hwang</p>	<p>Ward: 4</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, 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 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>When the Rental Housing Licensing Pilot Program was released, I thought this was a great opportunity to address challenges like illegal dwelling units and absentee landlords.</p>

	Improvements to the Tenant Defense Fund (funding, expansion of issues covered, tenant outreach and support).	Yes.	We need to support our community that rents and keep our people here in Hamilton.
	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.	International students coming to Canada would also benefit from such a program.
	End financial incentives to developers / landlords who have a history of displacing Hamilton tenants.	Yes.	Unless those offending developers and landlords complete a program to educate them on Hamilton's housing landscape, they commit to an affordable housing mandate that allows some percentage of their tenants to stay in the units.
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.	The Burnaby bylaw seems very comprehensive and I would like to examine it closer to Hamilton's marketplace to ensure that it's in line with what's happening here in Hamilton.
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	Yes!	This needs to be updated to reflect our current state and existing community.

	incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).		
Housing - Affordable housing on public land	Ensure rent control in all market rentals created.	No.	There has been ample evidence that a healthy rental market has a mix of market rates and rent controlled rates allowing choice and mobility in the marketplace. I support tenant protections but we must also allow for the market to dictate rates as well.
	Keep public land in public control.	Yes.	Public land is paid for by the taxpayers and should be in public control.
	100% affordable housing on public land targeting low to moderate incomes (\$30,000 individuals / \$60,000 households and under).	No.	I believe to make the business case to provide affordable housing sustainable, we must consider a mix of market rates with affordable housing options. Market rate housing will help offset the cost of providing affordable housing.
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 	Yes.	I like the bold statement here and would like to learn more about how this will impact the master plan. I also want to ensure a caveat that there is an opportunity to amend and change the policy according to the current and existing state of Hamilton and adjusting for inflation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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!	I believe that the internet is the fourth major utility, behind heat, water, and electricity and we need the internet to continue to grow and provide equity to all. The City of Hamilton already has an owned internet service provider and they are keenly interested in providing this service to Hamiltonians; but working to make a sustainable business case that works for everyone.
	Expand free public WiFi to more of Hamilton's parks.	Yes.	We have the capability, just need the political will and funding to make it happen.
	Free Wi-Fi access on HSR buses, bus terminals and the LRT.	Yes.	The pilot project was well regarded and proves that we can host wifi on buses,

			terminals, and other forms of mass transit option.
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.	Especially in some of our city housing units, with climate change, this is an important issue to address and remedy.
Additional platform demands	No encampment evictions	Yes.	Follow through on the Homeless Ending Strategy that has been brought forward from the City of Hamilton to work together to solve the roots of the issue and support our local Hamiltonians.
	Expansion of public transit throughout the city	Yes.	Very important! We need to provide better public transit throughout the city so our neighbours can get from point A to point B without the need/use of a personal vehicle.
	Affordable public transit for low income users	Yes.	This reinforces my point above.
	Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary (already voted on by Hamilton City Council)	Yes.	Density and infill for vacant and underutilized plots of land inside the urban boundary of Hamilton.
	City wide sidewalk snow removal	Yes.	We need to consider our elderly, mobility challenged, mothers with carriages, etc when we are providing access and mobility for all.
	Increase support for Hamilton's homeless	Yes!	Work with local non-profits that are supporting our homeless currently and helping them find safe shelters. This

			will also increase safety and awareness in the greater community for all.
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 		

	<p>more shade during the hot summer months.</p> <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	<p>The redevelopment should include community benefits - affordable housing, green space and transit.</p>		