

<b>WARD 4: Kanata North</b>		<b>Cathy Curry</b>	
<b>Municipal Election Priorities</b>	<b>Campaign Asks</b>	<b>If elected, would you commit to working towards this item? (yes/no)</b>	<b>Rationale for response (optional)</b>
<b>Improving Our Democracy</b>	That the City ensure section 6.1 is enforced (Province of Ontario, Municipal Elections Act) where polls are advised to be present "in buildings containing 100 or more dwelling units". We would like to see the City of Ottawa pass a policy reflecting access to voting.	YES	Residents in some buildings cannot easily access the polling stations. Bringing the polls to them would ensure that they have equitable access to vote.
	Ensure polling stations open from at least 10am-8pm.	YES	People work different hours and multiple jobs. Allowing more time to vote would ensure there is more equitable access for people to vote.
	The city should bring back door to door to find eligible voters.	MAYBE	This seems time intensive and there could be a better way to do this.
	Ban developer lobbyist donations to city councillors	MAYBE	Developers can get around this. If you banned it, you would never know who took developer donations, though
	Split the Planning Committee into separate urban-core and suburban committees similar to Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee	MAYBE	This is an interesting idea. I wonder if this might increase the lack of understanding by councillors about the various parts of the city in terms of planning needs and challenges. Planning isn't an island that is nicely divided by an arbitrary line on a map.

<b>Build Affordable Housing</b>	ACORN wants to see a strong Inclusionary Zoning policy with 25-35% affordable rental housing targeting those in core housing need, citywide in perpetuity.	YES	This is a key policy.
	Convert empty office buildings to non-market affordable housing	MAYBE	This could be very Expensive given where the water piping tends to be located (centrally) in office buildings. Good idea theoretically, maybe not practically. Some might be appropriate but not all.
	Any developments getting municipal public funds must have rent control on all units (not just the affordable units). This is in addition to Vacancy Control on all units - so when the tenant leaves, the landlords can't double the rent.	MAYBE	I would want to understand better what "any municipal funds" means in practice. Landlords often have to do significant repairs and upgrades when a tenant moves out. Without an increase in rent, the repairs either won't be done or will be minimal. This type of rule may mean units will be indisrepairmore.
	Reserve public land for affordable housing	YES	This needs to be well thought out, though. Locations have to be close to transit, grocery stores, social services etc.
<b>Fund Affordable Housing</b>	We are calling on the City of Ottawa to dedicate \$40 million to building affordable, non-market housing to match its budget for emergency shelters.	MAYBE	If this is a new program, no. This would have to be in coordination with existing affordable housing builders. \$40 million on some new entity wouldseevery littleaffordable housingbuilt. \$40 million does not go very far.
	5% Vacant Unit Tax with revenues funding affordable housing projects	MAYBE	We have to see how much our VUT actually produces. After we see if it actually generates money, we can see if the expense of implementing the VUT actually resulted in what we thought it would.
	Tax all luxury homes- increase property taxes on houses worth more than 2 million.	MAYBE	Based on MPAC or sale price? Luxury homes already pay more property tax
<b>Protect Affordable Housing</b>	We need the City to enact an Anti Displacement Policy to protect affordable housing and stop tenants from being priced out of their neighbourhoods.	YES	We need a consistent MoU instead of doing it application by application. Councillors worked hard to get better agreements between tenants and builders recently, but something standard would be more reliable and clear to all.

	Ottawa needs an Anti-Renoviction Bylaw similar to New Westminister, BC's where the bylaw effectively ended renovictions.	MAYBE	Is this really doing what it intended? What negative outcomes resulted for tenants? ACORN needs to understand better the unique situations where landlords need to do renovations and what the cost of renovations are. There are some bad landlords, but most are not.
	No public funds, or permit approvals, to predatory landlords.	NO	Who will determine who is a "predatory landlord?" Will there be a definition? How would this hold up in a court of law to designate a person as a "predatory landlord?"
	The City should expand its existing programs to introduce a Rent Bank like other Ontario cities.	MAYBE	I'd like to see how that is working in other cities first. I am looking forward to the Alliance to End Homelessness review of what is working in other cities.
	Explore a Non-Profit Acquisition Strategy that would give non-profit & social housing providers, co-ops and land trusts the right of first refusal to purchase at risk apartment buildings on the private market similar to Montreal.	YES	This is a good idea.
<b>Tenant Engagement</b>	Ottawa ACORN is calling for a proactive education program to inform tenants about their rights/resources when there are signs of potential renovictions/demovictions.	YES	Education is always a good thing.
	We want to see a public registry of tenant buyouts, building permits, home and rental building sales	YES	How much would this cost, though? What would the cost of setting this up take money away from in terms of some of the other initiatives here. Would this get you the data that would really be helpful?
	We want to see Ottawa follow the lead of cities like Toronto and Hamilton by creating a Tenant Defense Fund that would allow tenant groups to apply for funding for legal assistance when challenging renovictions, AGIs or when submitting tenant applications to the LTB.	MAYBE	However, lawsuitshurtall involved, take a long time, and slow down our legal system overall. There could be much better systems put in place that ensure tenants and landlords do not end up in court.

<b>Healthy Homes</b>	Enforcement mechanisms of property standards at the municipal level need to be improved. There should be more severe consequences for negligent landlords. We need Landlord Licensing, similar to Toronto, which would include a landlord registry, proactive inspections, increased enforcement and better standards of repair.	YES	Property standards area problem. We have systems in place, but By-law officers are overwhelmed with the amount of work they currently have. Given our labour shortages,
	More funding in the city budget for repairs and maintenance in Ottawa Community Housing	YES	The cost of everything is increasing this budget will have to increase.
<b>Infrastructure and Employment</b>	The City should support community organizations advocating for Community Benefits Agreements during development projects.	MAYBE	What does "support" mean? This question is easy to say yes to as there is no definition of "support."
	The City of Ottawa should create an Ethical Purchasing Strategy that protects workers' wages and benefits and avoids contract flipping. All employees working on city grounds should be paid a living wage.	YES	Is there an official definition of "living wage?"
<b>Internet for All</b>	The City should leverage its own assets to create a municipal broadband program that can provide \$10-30/month home internet to low and moderate income households similar to Toronto's ConnectTO program.	MAYBE	The City is working on a Number of projects that increase wifi access, but I don't think this should be a City-only initiative. The federal government and provincial government have a significant role to play here, too.
	Expansion of programs that offer free or subsidized devices to low income people	YES	Again, not necessarily city-only initiative.
	Provide FREE public wifi in all public spaces such as bus shelters, parks, community centres and more	YES	The City is working on this due to a Canadian Community Foundations Granting initiative.

<b>Community Services</b>	Prioritize city funding for youth services, street lighting, mental health supports, addiction supports, sidewalks and traffic controls in underserved, often low income & working class communities	YES	This should not be only for low income and working class communities. As a person who has been working education, health, and social services all my life, this is too limited in its scope. And, federal and provincial governments have to be a part of this. Why do you use “working class” as a term in your survey? Yikes.
	Support ACORN’s national campaign to end predatory lending by calling on the Federal Government to support alternatives to payday and installment loans, lower the criminal interest rate and more.	YES	This is a significant problem. If government agencies were to take this over, social services agencies could get a much better handle on the overall needs of the people who come for financial help.
<b>Childcare</b>	We need funding for affordable public/non-profit daycare spaces to be prioritized in lower income neighborhoods and communities	YES	Need other levels of Government to help, too.
	Parents need easier access to information in order to understand Ontario’s patchwork childcare system. We need transparency and accountability to parents through a simplified online process and face to face assistance when applying for subsidies.	YES	There are many groups working on this, but yes.
	Expanded programming for parents who work non-standard hours (ie. shift work, overnights).	YES	This is very important. There has always been a shortage of options for people who work shifts. Also, children do not work the shifts. Challenging to manage.
<b>Affordable &amp; Reliable Transit</b>	We believe transit should be free, starting with those living on social assistance.	MAYBE	There could be ways to differentiate fares. Certain routes could be free as well.
	Presto passes should be free for anyone under the low income measure, and there should be no minimum payment to upload Presto passes for people under the low income measure.	MAYBE	

	Increase bus service in underserved neighbourhoods.	YES	The word “underserved” would ensure that all new subdivisions in the suburbs would get increased bus service. Is that what you intended here? Kanata North residents would love it. All rural neighbourhoods would be ecstatic.
<b>Climate Change</b>	Retrofitting Canada’s aging highrise communities from a tenant led perspective is an important step in reducing Energy Poverty. Ottawa needs an Energy Equity Program that targets the lowest-income and least Energy efficient private apartment buildings across the city.	YES	Hydro Ottawa would love to help here.
	Financial support for low and moderate income households impacted by natural disasters	YES	Provincial and Federal governments have to help here.
	Ensure low and moderate income renter communities have access to green space	YES	This is very,very importantfor all peopleall over the world. Why would you only target low and moderate incomerenter communities?