

WARD 23: Kanata South		Bina Shah		Rouba Fattal	
Municipal Election Priorities	Campaign Asks	If elected, would you commit to working towards this item? (yes/no)	Rationale for response (optional)	If elected, would you commit to working towards this item? (yes/no)	Rationale for response (optional)
<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	I would like to see polling stations located close to or within a building with more than 100 dwelling units but a number of large, 100-dwelling buildings can have a polling station located "close by" so that many buildings are serviced all at once. Population density should inform where polling stations go.	YES	I think it would be more cost-effective and accessible to have a digital voting option for voters.  There are not a lot of these types of dwellings in Kanata-South, but I would be supportive of this in inner-city wards.
	Ensure polling stations open from at least 10am-8pm.	YES		YES	
	The city should bring back door to door to find eligible voters.	NO	This data is being collected by canvassers and can be shared with the city to make a more robust and accurate Voters' List.	NO	Digital media campaigns might be more effective... making voting obligatory, and having the option to vote digitally
	Ban developer lobbyist donations to city councillors	YES		YES	
	Split the Planning Committee into separate urban-core and suburban committees similar to Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee	NO	With a new Mayor and many new City Councillors consensus on planning between urban-core and suburban committees may be reached.	YES	
<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.	MAYBE	20% Affordable rental housing.	YES	I think that we need to find a way to incentivise developers to be on board with this. We cannot have developers cutting corners and creating safety/longevity problems so they can reduce costs. We need buy in from developers with appropriate consultations on a case-by-case basis.
	Convert empty office buildings to non-market affordable housing	YES		YES	I support this idea since it saves the government money on rent, it draws business back to downtown core, create jobs, saving commute time / GHG emissions from commuting,
	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.	YES		YES	
	Reserve public land for affordable housing	YES		NO	Given the circumstances we live in due to climate change and unstable global relations, we should retain the flexibility of the use of public land. What if communities need another school, community centre, or indoor agriculture facility?
<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.	YES		NO	Unsure how this would impact the plan to convert office buildings into residential units
	5% Vacant Unit Tax with revenues funding affordable housing projects	YES		NO	5% is far too much. People will try to evade it... it might be better to measure gas, water, hydro/electricity bills rather than rely on a claim of living in the unit.
	Tax all luxury homes- increase property taxes on houses worth more than 2 million.	YES		NO	We do not want an exodus of wealthy people from the city
<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		YES	

	Ottawa needs an Anti-Renoviction Bylaw similar to New Westminster, BC's where the bylaw effectively ended renovations.	YES		NO	Given that the city wants to improve energy efficiency and sustainability of old units, renovations in good faith should be an option if the public is to achieve its emissions reduction targets. Enacting an anti-displacement policy will help remedy the problem of poor faithed renovations.
	No public funds, or permit approvals, to predatory landlords.	YES		YES	
	The City should expand its existing programs to introduce a Rent Bank like other Ontario cities.	YES		NO	There already exists emergency services for funding, but perhaps we can improve on what we already have. Duplicated services can make programs inefficient, and more confusing to access.
	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		YES	
<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 renovations/demovictions.	YES		YES	
	We want to see a public registry of tenant buyouts, building permits, home and rental building sales	YES		YES	I will always support initiatives that provide us with more data, as it helps us with informed decision making.
	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 renovations, AGIs or when submitting tenant applications to the LTB.	YES		YES	Ideally these legal services will be provided probono.
<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		YES	We need to be careful when it comes to establishing a Landlord License, as it could deter landlords from adding units to the housing market, and it could result in costs passed down to tenants.
	More funding in the city budget for repairs and maintenance in Ottawa Community Housing	YES		YES	I think this could be a good idea in improving sustainability, efficiency, and preserving/adding greenspace.
<b>Infrastructure and Employment</b>	The City should support community organizations advocating for Community Benefits Agreements during development projects.	YES		YES	We need to make sure that the interests of the community associations represent the interests and needs of the members of their community, and that these associations are not chaired by people with special interest.
	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		YES	Living wage needs to be within reasonable expectations. The wage must be high enough that it incentivizes participation in the workplace, but low enough that it does not cripple businesses. Finding efficiency... Instead of 1 group of 8 employees working on 1 project, can 2 groups of 4 employees work on their own respective project?
<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.	YES		NO	I think this is too big of an undertaking for the city to do at this point in time.  I believe there is a lot of work the City needs to be doing to improve services it is already struggling to provide.  The city taking on the responsibility of delivering affordable internet to people has high potential to become very complicated, and even fail.  Resources in an endeavor like this might be better used to support libraries and community centres.
	Expansion of programs that offer free or subsidized devices to low income people	YES	City libraries can provide devices.	YES	

	Provide FREE public wifi in all public spaces such as bus shelters, parks, community centres and more	NO	City libraries have free public wifi.	YES	I believe that this should be prioritized primarily in community centers and bus terminals.
<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		YES	
	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		YES	More awareness campaigns as well to help inform consumers about the risks of high interest loans, given their personal uncertain financial security
<b>Childcare</b>	We need funding for affordable public/non-profit daycare spaces to be prioritized in lower income neighborhoods and communities	YES		NO	Childcare services should be easily available to anyone who wishes to participate in the labor market.  There are some instances of middle income mothers who cannot afford, or have access to daycare.  I think that better city planning would create more income-diverse communities, and therefore allow better accessibility to daycare
	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		YES	I support the idea of creating a digital portal where parents can find care centers that are subsidized and those that are not subsidized, as well as their availability. This would make things easier compared to having to call every child care center.  All online registration systems within the city need to be improved, whether it be community programs, para-transpo, or childcare.
	Expanded programming for parents who work non-standard hours (ie. shift work, overnights).	YES		YES	I support the idea of creating programs where daycare services are provided at the place of employment. Care homes / hospitals having on site daycares where the parents are close to their children, and can visit if needed. Best practices can be examined from Scandinavian countries.
<b>Affordable &amp; Reliable Transit</b>	We believe transit should be free, starting with those living on social assistance.	YES		NO	Better to allocate funds to provide better and more reliable services.
	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.	YES		NO	Just because something is free, doesn't mean people will use it, leading to wasteful public spending. I think we can instead improve the affordability rates for groups such as seniors, youth, people with disabilities, and low income families.  An additional idea could be the introduction of a transit loyalty program, where uses are rewarded based on either the distance traveled, or the number of transactions
	Increase bus service in underserved neighbourhoods.	YES		YES	I especially hope to improve connectivity between Kanata North and South, especially to the business park/recreation centre.
<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		YES	
	Financial support for low and moderate income households impacted by natural disasters	YES		NO	Instead, work with the province to improve the insurance system in light of climate change. Examine and simplify natural disaster claims.
	Ensure low and moderate income renter communities have access to green space	YES		YES	