

WARD 5: West Carelton- March		Nagmani Sharma	
Municipal Election Priorities	Campaign Asks	If elected, would you commit to working towards this item? (yes/no)	Rationale for response (optional)
Improving Our Democracy	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	
	Ensure polling stations open from at least 10am-8pm.	YES	
	The city should bring back door to door to find eligible voters.	YES	
	Ban developer lobbyist donations to city councillors	YES	
	Split the Planning Committee into separate urban-core and suburban committees similar to Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee	YES	
Build Affordable Housing	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	

	Convert empty office buildings to non-market affordable housing	YES	
	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	
	Reserve public land for affordable housing	YES	
Fund Affordable Housing	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	
	5% Vacant Unit Tax with revenues funding affordable housing projects	YES	
	Tax all luxury homes- increase property taxes on houses worth more than 2 million.	YES	
Protect Affordable Housing	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	
	Ottawa needs an Anti-Renoviction Bylaw similar to New Westminster, BC's where the bylaw effectively ended renovictions.	YES	
	No public funds, or permit approvals, to predatory landlords.	YES	
	The City should expand its existing programs to introduce a Rent Bank like other Ontario cities.	YES	
	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	

Tenant Engagement	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	
	We want to see a public registry of tenant buyouts, building permits, home and rental building sales	YES	
	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.	YES	
Healthy Homes	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	
	More funding in the city budget for repairs and maintenance in Ottawa Community Housing	N/A	
Infrastructure and Employment	The City should support community organizations advocating for Community Benefits Agreements during development projects.	N/A	
	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	

Internet for All	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	
	Expansion of programs that offer free or subsidized devices to low income people	N/A	
	Provide FREE public wifi in all public spaces such as bus shelters, parks, community centres and more	YES	
Community Services	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	
	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	
Childcare	We need funding for affordable public/non-profit daycare spaces to be prioritized in lower income neighborhoods and communities	YES	
	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	
	Expanded programming for parents who work non-standard hours (ie. shift work, overnights).	YES	

Affordable & Reliable Transit	We believe transit should be free, starting with those living on social assistance.	YES	
	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	
	Increase bus service in underserved neighbourhoods.	YES	
Climate Change	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	
	Financial support for low and moderate income households impacted by natural disasters	YES	
	Ensure low and moderate income renter communities have access to green space	YES	