



Ethan Sabourin: 2022 Candidates Survey

Municipal Election Priorities	Campaign Asks	Will you work with us to help achieve these goals?
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.	Ensure proper funding for Elections Ottawa, as well as early outreach for hiring elections staff.
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	The city should bring back door to door to find eligible voters.	We should also fight to expand eligibility to include all residents, not only citizens.
	Ban developer lobbyist donations to city councillors	Developers should not be given a position of privilege and influence through the use of campaign donations.
	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	This is a great way to repurpose existing construction and develop retrofit expertise.
	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.	This is an incredible gap filler in current provincial policy which leaves new units open to uncontrolled rent increases.
	Reserve public land for affordable housing	And particularly for public housing, or at the very least, 100% non-profit.
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.	This should be higher.
	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.	New housing should not create market conditions that displace current tenants. An Anti-Displacement Policy will help achieve this!
	Ottawa needs an Anti-Renoviction Bylaw similar to New Westminster, BC's where the bylaw effectively ended renovations.	Using the best practices of other jurisdictions in Canada and abroad, we can make significant progress here.
	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.	This is a key lever for increasing non-profit housing and reducing the power of the for-profit market.
Tenant Engagement	Ottawa ACORN is calling for a proactive education program to inform tenants about their rights/resources	Education should be a central part of a tenant organizing strategy for the city.

	when there are signs of potential renovictions/demovictions.	
	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.	We should also create resources to support the organizing of tenant groups, such as making space available for organizing.
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.	Landlord licensing would help bring more cohesion and public oversight into private rental housing.
	More funding in the city budget for repairs and maintenance in Ottawa Community Housing	OCH buildings should not only be repaired and maintained but should receive deep retrofits and electrification.
Infrastructure and Employment	The City should support community organizations advocating for Community Benefits Agreements during development projects.	And develop a standard Community Benefits Agreement,
	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.	And our procurement process should incentivize purchasing from worker cooperatives and unionized suppliers.
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	Yes

	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	And we should build childcare into new developments.
	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.	Working towards transit as a universal service means demonstrating its effectiveness, beginning with underserved communities, and building up new revenue streams that will also move people away from personal vehicles and onto transit.
	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.	Especially restoring the cuts from 2011 that devastated service in Rideauview, Carleton Heights, etc.

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.	Combining climate action with housing justice is a central part of my platform. Let's get this done together.
	Financial support for low and moderate income households impacted by natural disasters	This needs to be part of an integrated climate mitigation/adaptation strategy.
	Ensure low and moderate income renter communities have access to green space	Not only greenspace, but also quality parks with amenities like water features and playgrounds.