



Ariel Troster: 2022 Candidates Survey

Municipal Election Priorities	Campaign Asks	Would you work with us to 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	Context - in past years polling stations were determined by <i>voting history</i> , which means wealthy neighbourhoods were way beer served. Somerset Ward has the highest rate of poverty in the city.
	Ensure polling stations open from at least 10am-8pm.	Yes
	The city should bring back door to door to find eligible voters.	Yes – I want to know more about this initiative
	Ban developer lobbyist donations to city councillors	yes

	Split the Planning Committee into separate urban-core and suburban committee 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 – will require stacked funding from other levels of govt, the federal Rapid Housing Initiative and the Green Municipal Fund are two options (conversions are very expensive)
	Any developments using 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, caveat to make sure all those old beautiful houses downtown converted to have several units don't count. There are a lot of creative ways people get around our harsh housing market and property value alone might not capture the full picture. Would like to see the perimeters of this.
Protect Affordable Housing	We need the City to enact an An 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 end renovations.	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	Yes

	renovicons/demovicons.	
	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	Yes
Infrastructure and Employment	The City should support community organizations advocating for Community Benefits Agreements during development projects.	Yes
	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 fair 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	yes - this is already being explored, it's not controversial

	income households similar to Toronto's Connect TO program.	
	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, addicon supports, sidewalks and traffic controls in underserved, oen 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.	This isn't even phrased as an ask, but accessibility in service is a good priority!
	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 - free for ODSP and OW is in my platform.

	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	Retrofing 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, but government support/funding is going to be necessary to achieve emissions targets
	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