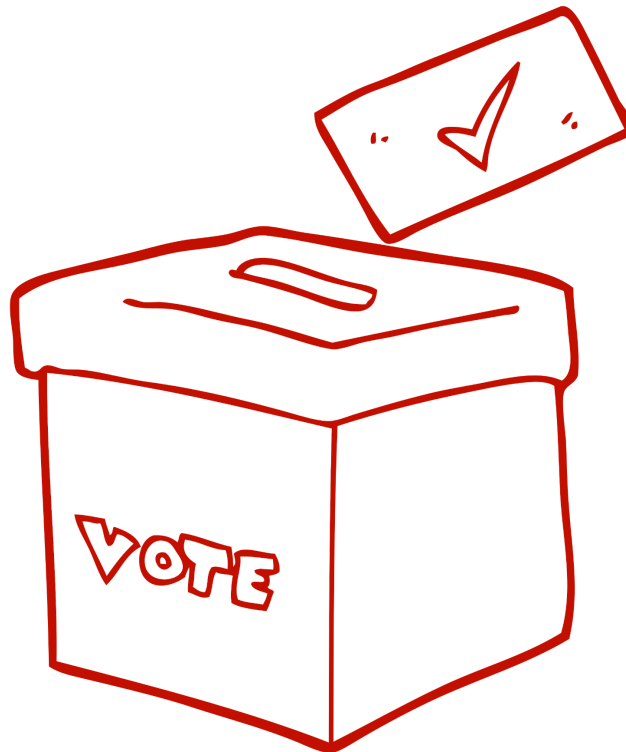




2026 Municipal Election Candidate

Survey Results

BASED ON TORONTO ACORN'S MUNICIPAL ELECTION PLATFORM



COMPILED BY THE TORONTO ACORN POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)



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2026 Municipal Election Candidate Survey Results

As Toronto approaches the municipal election on October 26, 2026, tenants and working-class residents face critical choices regarding housing affordability, municipal service standards, and climate resilience in low-income neighbourhoods.

To help voters make informed decisions at the ballot box, Toronto ACORN developed and issued a municipal candidate survey based on its member-led 2026 platform. This document compiles the direct responses to that platform that were submitted by candidates across Toronto.

SEE: [*Toronto ACORN 2026 Municipal Election Platform*](#)

Political Action Committee Endorsements

Candidate responses to Toronto ACORN's platform survey served as the primary tool for local Political Action Committees made up of residents to evaluate their local candidates, and in some cases, to vote on endorsements. Not every ward had a local PAC, and not every local PAC chose to endorse a candidate.

2026 PAC-Endorsed Candidates

Mayor: Olivia Chow

Ward 5 (York South–Weston): Chiara Padovani

Ward 9 (Davenport): Alejandra Bravo

Ward 14 (Toronto–Danforth): Sara Ehrhardt

Ward 19 (Beaches–East York): Jennie Worden

Regardless of endorsements, this document provides voters with direct, unfiltered candidate responses and commitments, so residents can see exactly where candidates stand on these policies before casting their ballot on October 26.



Survey Methodology

On August 21, 2026—the official day candidate registrations closed—Toronto ACORN sent the survey to every candidate who provided contact information on the official City of Toronto candidate list. Continuous outreach and follow-ups were conducted up until publication, including reaching out to candidates whose contact information became available after the registration deadline.

The responses published in this report were submitted directly by the candidates themselves.

Toronto ACORN's 2026 Municipal Election Platform

The policy demands featured in the platform and the survey were developed directly by low- and moderate-income residents. These priorities were established through local chapter meetings, citywide campaign planning sessions, and active community campaigns.

Below are the commitments as they appeared to the candidates:

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Toronto ACORN won the RentSafeTO Apartment Building Standards Program in 2017, and has been fighting to improve the program ever since.

- **Direct RentSafeTO to conduct in-unit inspections** as part of the regular biennial building evaluations.
- **Provide a universal work order form** that any tenant in the City can print and submit to their landlord, and the landlord should have to accept it as a valid service request.
- **Increase the size and scope of RentSafeTO** to include rental townhouses and additional capacity in the evenings and weekends to accommodate tenants. This also means raising registration fees to raise revenue to hire more inspectors.



Beat the Heat!

The climate crisis is worsening, and working class people are bearing the brunt of it. We need effective and immediate health interventions!

- **Enact a maximum indoor temperature bylaw** that caps temperatures in apartment buildings at 26°C year-round, not just in the summer.
- **Expand the Air Conditioner Assistance Program** to all low-income tenants in Toronto, and merge it with the Hardship Fund and the ODSP/OW AC benefit.
- **Direct Toronto Public Health to publicly report on heat-related emergency room visits in the City.**

Make Toronto Affordable!

We're in a cost of living crisis. As a union of low- and moderate-income people, ACORN is fighting for policies that will ease the burden for everyday people just trying to get by.

- **Expand the Vacant Homes Tax** by raising it to 5% and applying it to vacant units in multi-residential apartment buildings. Put this revenue towards the Multi-Unit Residential Acquisition (MURA) program.
- **Implement and expand a City-run grocery store program** in low-income neighbourhoods in the City, with the goal of providing affordable food.
- **Create and operate a municipally-owned broadband network** with connections to all newly-built City housing units.

Stand Up To The Province!

The Ford government has a horrendous track record on a number of files, including tenant protections and social assistance. While these are outside of the City's jurisdiction, we need a City government that's willing to go toe-to-toe with the province on issues that matter to Torontonians.

- **Advocate for full rent control** loudly and at every opportunity, including applying rent control to all rental units, banning Above-Guideline Increases (AGIs), and implementing vacancy control.
- **Advocate for increased social assistance**, including doubling payments for



Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program, and indexing these payments to inflation.

- **Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform**, including in-person hearings and expanded access to legal aid for tenants.

Voting Information

Election Day: Monday, October 26, 2026 (10:00 AM – 8:00 PM)

Find out everything you need to know, including your designated voting location, ward boundaries, candidates, and if you are on the voters list – all at toronto.ca/Elections.



Mayoral Candidate Responses

Endorsed by the Toronto ACORN Political Action Committee: Olivia Chow

Jamie Atkinson

Platform Commitments Made: 4.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	?	
Universal work order forms	NO	I support giving tenants a simple City-standard form they can use to document repair requests, including a digital option that creates a timestamp and clear record. I would not require every landlord and tenant to use one mandatory City process. The important outcome is that tenants can prove when a problem was reported and seek enforcement if it is ignored. Government should make solving problems easier and more accountable without adding unnecessary bureaucracy where existing systems already work.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	Expanding RentSafeTO to more renters and providing evening and weekend capacity could make the program substantially more useful, particularly for people who work during normal inspection hours. I support reviewing the program's scope and increasing inspection capacity where the evidence demonstrates a need. I would not automatically raise fees first.



		We should determine the required staffing, improve existing efficiency and then transparently fund whatever additional capacity is actually necessary.
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Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	NO	Dangerous indoor heat is a serious health issue, especially for seniors, children and vulnerable residents, but I do not support a blanket 26°C year-round rule as written. Toronto has many different buildings, mechanical systems, weather conditions and retrofit constraints. I support effective health-based protections against dangerous heat, better monitoring and practical retrofit pathways. The objective should be keeping people safe rather than adopting one number that may not work appropriately in every building or circumstance.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Extreme heat is increasingly a health and safety issue, and people should not be placed at risk simply because they cannot afford adequate cooling. I support expanding assistance to low-income residents who need it and making the process much easier to understand and access. Where City and provincial programs overlap, residents should have one clear front door to determine what help is available. Government should reduce unnecessary bureaucracy and make practical assistance easier to reach before dangerous heat becomes a medical emergency.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Better data helps Toronto make better decisions. I support publicly reporting



		privacy-protected information about heat-related emergency room visits and other serious health effects. This can help identify which neighbourhoods, buildings and populations experience the greatest risk and whether existing interventions are working. We should be careful not to confuse correlation with causation, but reliable data gives the City a much stronger basis for directing resources, identifying patterns and evaluating future heat-protection policies.
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Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	NO	I support putting existing housing into productive use, but continually increasing taxes on the existing housing stock is not my primary solution to affordability. My priority is dramatically increasing the amount of housing we can actually produce through faster delivery, infrastructure-ready development, better use of land, prefabrication, stronger construction capacity and eventually robotics where it can safely reduce costs. We should first measure whether the existing Vacant Homes Tax is achieving its intended results before automatically increasing it again.
City-run municipal grocery stores	NO	I strongly support making healthy food more accessible and affordable, but I believe government can do more by building the infrastructure that allows many people and businesses to produce food rather than becoming the grocery-store operator itself. Crunch & Munch Toronto would explore infrastructure such as energy, shared



		logistics, year-round greenhouses and automated farming. Waste heat from data centres could help heat greenhouses through Toronto winters. Private farmers, cooperatives and entrepreneurs could then use that capability to grow more food locally and reduce costs.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	Reliable high-speed internet is becoming essential infrastructure in the AI age. It affects education, employment, entrepreneurship, government services and whether people can access the tools transforming the economy. I support affordable connectivity throughout Toronto and ensuring new City housing is built ready for modern high-speed internet. I would not pre-commit to City Hall operating the entire network itself. Municipal fibre, open-access infrastructure, private providers and partnerships should be compared according to which delivers the best access, reliability and affordability.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	NO	Tenants need strong protection from unsafe housing, bad-faith evictions and abuse, but I do not believe Toronto can regulate its way out of a structural housing shortage. My priority is dramatically increasing housing production through faster delivery, infrastructure readiness, prefabrication, workforce development and eventually robotics where it can improve productivity and reduce costs. Better regional and high-speed transportation can also expand where people can reasonably live. The long-term goal



		should be enough housing choice that landlords compete for tenants rather than tenants competing for scarce homes.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	PARTIALLY	People cannot reasonably stabilize their lives when basic assistance falls far below the actual cost of food, housing and everyday necessities. I support substantially increasing Ontario Works and ODSP, including the proposed doubling, and indexing benefits so inflation does not continually reduce their value. These are provincial programs, but Toronto's Mayor should advocate for residents who depend on them. Support should also connect people, where appropriate, to housing, education, accessibility, skills and meaningful pathways toward greater independence and opportunity.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	The Landlord and Tenant Board needs to work substantially better for both tenants and landlords. I support timely hearings, meaningful access to in-person and virtual options, clearer procedures and stronger access to legal assistance. Modern technology and carefully governed AI could also reduce administrative delays through scheduling, document organization, translation, case navigation and identifying missing information. AI should never decide whether someone loses their home. Humans must remain responsible for consequential decisions while technology helps the system work faster and more effectively.



Darrell Brown

Platform Commitments Made: 11/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	In-unit inspections are the only way to know whether a building actually meets the standards it's rated for on paper. Exterior and common-area checks miss the conditions tenants actually live with. RentSafeTO should have the mandate and resourcing to look inside.
Universal work order forms	YES	Tenants shouldn't have to guess what counts as a valid repair request, or have a landlord dispute the format of a complaint instead of its substance. A standard, City-provided work order form that landlords must accept closes an easy and unnecessary loophole.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	Rental townhouses shouldn't fall outside enforcement because of a technicality of building type, and tenants working standard daytime hours need inspection capacity that isn't limited to 9-to-5. Funding the expansion through registration fees on the buildings being inspected and not general property taxes is the right way to pay for it.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	Extreme heat events are no longer confined to the traditional summer



		window. A rule that only applies May to September leaves tenants unprotected during the shoulder-season heat waves that climate change is making more common. A year-round cap costs landlords nothing in the months it doesn't bind, and protects tenants in the months it does.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Low-income tenants shouldn't have to navigate three separate, overlapping programs to get help staying cool. Merging the AC Assistance Program, the Hardship Fund, and the ODSP/OW AC benefit into one accessible program, available to all low-income tenants, closes gaps that currently fall between programs rather than being covered by any of them. This is a problem that affects many programs – generally we need better integration.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Public, transparent reporting on heat-related health outcomes is exactly the kind of proactive disclosure the City should be doing as a matter of course. It lets Council and residents see whether heat policy is actually working instead of taking it on faith.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	Toronto should be discouraging speculative units sitting empty during a housing crisis, not just in single-family homes but in purpose-built rental buildings too. Directing the revenue to MURA, which converts existing buildings into permanently affordable non-profit housing, turns a speculation deterrent into a direct addition to the affordable housing stock.



City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	I support the goal of providing food security in low-income neighbourhoods. This is a real and growing problem, and the City has a role to play. I'd want to see this start as a pilot in partnership with existing non-profit and co-operative food retailers before committing to a full City-run and City-operated grocery model, given how different grocery retail operations are from the City's existing service lines. Better to use existing expertise than re-invent the wheel.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	Every unit of new City housing should come with genuinely affordable, reliable internet. I fully support that goal. Whether the City needs to build and operate its own broadband network to get there, versus requiring it as a condition of development or partnering with an existing provider on dedicated affordable access, is a question of implementation. I'd want to see it costed out before committing to municipal ownership specifically.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	This is squarely the province's jurisdiction, but that's exactly why the City needs to use its voice loudly and consistently rather than staying quiet because it isn't our file. Toronto residents are living with the consequences of a rent control regime full of exemptions, and the City should be an active, persistent advocate for closing them. There are multiple policies that could be used to lower housing costs – rent control is one option. Increasing public housing at



		affordable rates is another. See what I have had to say about the Vienna model.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	Ontario Works and ODSP rates have fallen further behind the actual cost of living every year they've gone without indexing. The City sees the downstream cost of that erosion directly. This increases shelter use, food bank demand, and housing instability. We need integrated solutions that include minimum income guarantees. The City should be a vocal advocate for the province fixing it.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	Tenants navigating the Landlord and Tenant Board face real barriers. There is a backlogged virtual-hearing system and inconsistent access to legal representation. The City should be pushing the province publicly for the in-person hearings and expanded legal aid access that make the process actually fair to use.

Olivia Chow (*incumbent*)

Endorsed by the Toronto ACORN Political Action Committee

Platform Commitments Made: 11/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	As Mayor, I made it clear I expect RentSafe to conduct unit-by-unit door-knocking and inspections when they visit buildings.
Universal work order forms	YES	



Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	As Mayor, I doubled the number of RentSafeTO officers, and I will continue expanding access to RentSafeTO to more renters.
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Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	I am very proud to have started this program as Mayor, and to have expanded it in its second year to include more renters. Everyone has the right to be safe in their home all year round.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	?	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	We have to do more to bring down food costs for Torontonians. That's why I moved to ban unfair, predatory surveillance pricing at grocery stores and I have invested in a universal school food program so every kid gets a morning meal at school. I am also committed to making it easier for community and independent grocers to compete with the big chains.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	Many years ago the City sold its broadband network to a private company. Now, we have to make up ground and find ways to make broadband access more affordable



		and universally available.
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Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	I will never stop fighting for renters.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Roberto Curto

Platform Commitments Made: 9/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	PARTIALLY	Tenants do deserve enforcement that looks beyond the main spaces. I support in-unit inspections with buildings that have poor evaluations/recurring complaints. I favour a targeted risk-based approach that puts inspection resources where tenants need them most, rather than creating a giant universal inspection bureaucracy where it isn't needed.
Universal work order forms	YES	Simple, inexpensive, and useful. Reporting a repair shouldn't depend on navigating a landlord's preferred system.
Expand RentSafeTO	PARTIALLY	I support the expansion of RentSafeTO



scope & increase fees		(evenings when many tenants are actually home). I'm also open to modest registration fee increases if more inspectors are needed. However before raising fees, the city should be clear about what we need, what the cost will be and what tenants will be getting from the expansion.
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Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	PARTIALLY	I support the enforceable 26 degree maximum indoor standards. Indoor heat is a basic housing and public health issue. I would impose during the warm season and extreme heat conditions rather than a year round requirement.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	I support bringing these supports together into one clear program, and expanding access. The program must remain income tested and needs based, and a true expansion would need to be scaled deliberately.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	If the city is developing policies to protect residents from extreme heat, we should publicly track the health impacts and use that data to help us determine what else we should be doing.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	A stronger vacant homes tax makes sense because it targets a relatively small number of properties being left vacant rather than reaching into the pockets of every Toronto homeowner.



		We can put the revenue directly towards more affordable housing measures.
City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	I'm interested in this idea, especially in neighbourhoods where affordable grocery options are lacking. I'd be open to testing a model similar to what New York has proposed, rather than having the city operate the grocery store itself, and see what works. But the provincial and federal governments have stronger tools to tackle food prices and competition. Toronto should help where we can.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	Affordable internet is important. Let's prove municipal broadband is the most affordable way to deliver it.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	PARTIALLY	I support rent control and stronger protections against excessive rent increases. But I wouldn't simply ban every AGI, buildings still need major repairs. Our goal should be protecting tenants without discouraging the new rental housing Toronto badly needs.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	Provincial assistance needs to reflect the actual cost of living. When it doesn't, people suffer and the consequences get pushed downstream onto Toronto's shelters, housing services and emergency systems.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	The Landlord and Tenant Board needs serious reform. Cases should be heard and resolved faster, with fair access for both tenants and landlords.



Cory Deville

Platform Commitments Made: 11/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned	PARTIALLY	Mr. Deville would re-imagine that as a



broadband network		service the city outsources to a 5G network that the city pays for on behalf of those living in city housing support programs.
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Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	PARTIALLY	Mr. Deville is focused on creating a Living Wage themed funding program, rather than simply doubling payments. He "wants to ensure that financial support programs are not undercut by inflationary responses from private landlords, essential service providers, et al." He is, however, "adamant about spearheading a Livable Wage or Universal Basic Wellness fund to ensure that equity across all income brackets allows all Toronto residents to live with dignity and the capacity to thrive."
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Georgios Kalkounis

Platform Commitments Made: 8.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Including in-unit inspections in RentSafeTO's biennial evaluations would strengthen oversight, capture



		hidden health and safety issues, and improve data accuracy. With clear consent, privacy rules, and staffing capacity, this approach can enhance tenant protection and program integrity.
Universal work order forms	YES	A universal work-order form would standardize repair requests, reduce disputes, and improve documentation for tenants and landlords. Requiring acceptance of the form strengthens accountability, enables efficiency, supports RentSafeTO audits, and ensures all residents can submit clear, accessible service requests.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	Expanding RentSafeTO to include rental townhouses and offer evening/weekend capacity would close oversight gaps and improve tenant access. Adjusting registration fees to fund additional inspectors supports stronger enforcement, timely responses, and a more equitable citywide program.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	PARTIALLY	A year-round 26°C maximum indoor temperature would protect health, reduce overheating complaints, and align with public-health guidance. Clear monitoring, HVAC standards, and enforcement rules would ensure safe living conditions and modernize Toronto's temperature bylaws. However, the alternative approach of my choice is a range of temperatures, 23°C Winter minimum to 26°C Summer maximum. This approach would assure desired comfort, while enabling significant energy savings.



Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Expanding AC assistance to all low-income tenants and merging it with the Hardship Fund and ODSP/OW benefits would simplify access, reduce duplication, and improve heat-health protection. A unified program ensures clearer eligibility, faster support, and stronger equity across Toronto. It also perfectly aligns with my vision in Simplifying and Integrating systems and services.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Public reporting of heat-related ER visits would improve transparency, support climate-health planning, and highlight risks for vulnerable residents. Regular data releases from Toronto Public Health would strengthen evidence-based decisions and help guide targeted cooling interventions.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	Raising the Vacant Homes Tax to 5% and extending it to vacant units in multi-residential buildings can discourage chronic vacancy and generate stable revenue. However, this approach was better suited to past high-growth market conditions. Today's weakened real-estate environment has left thousands of downtown units vacant—not by choice, but due to a soft market and reduced demand. Applying a higher tax without careful analysis would function as a double burden on owners already struggling with newly built units, declining market values, elevated vacancy rates, and rental revenues that no longer cover financing obligations or long-term ownership commitments. A more constructive



		alternative is a coordinated, intergovernmental strategy that stabilizes market conditions, supports responsible ownership, and aligns housing policy with current economic realities.
City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	City-run grocery stores in low-income areas aim to improve food access but face high operating costs, legal risks, and market distortion. Better options include supporting community co-ops, targeted income supports, and incentives for private grocers, alongside reforms to structural food-price drivers.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	A municipally owned broadband network for new City housing could improve digital access, but it carries significant capital, operational, and regulatory risks. More practical options include bulk-rate agreements with private providers, targeted tenant connectivity subsidies, and open-access infrastructure partnerships that leverage established technical expertise. Connectivity support can also be paired with digital-literacy programs and access to essential devices such as laptops and routers. This combined approach ensures tenants can fully benefit from online services, strengthening long-term economic participation and supporting greater financial independence.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	PARTIALLY	Advocating for full rent control—including applying caps to all units, banning AGIs, and adding



		vacancy control—would increase stability for tenants. These reforms require provincial action and careful design to balance affordability, housing supply, and long-term system sustainability.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	PARTIALLY	Doubling OW and ODSP and indexing both to inflation would address deep poverty and erosion of benefit value, but must be coordinated with housing, employment, and disability-support policies to avoid unintended outcomes. Any reform must include clear eligibility rules, sustainable funding, and strong but fair enforcement to protect program integrity while ensuring support reaches those most in need.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	LTB reform should restore robust in-person hearing options and expand tenant access to legal aid. A better-resourced, hybrid system would improve fairness, reduce backlogs, and ensure vulnerable tenants can fully participate in proceedings while preserving timely, balanced dispute resolution.

Odessa Paloma Parker

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order	YES	



forms		
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	I would also like to see this action amended to support our existing local green grocers that have served neighbourhoods for years, as well as an investment in creating more small-scale independent grocery operations throughout Toronto. There was recently a case in Davisville where two neighbourhood grocers were closed due to development – this should be addressed by the City in a forward-thinking way instead of having to have councillors step in after the fact.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	



Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	I would absolutely advocate for the banning of bidding wars on rental units, too!
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Joshua Thompson

Platform Commitments Made: 3.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	PARTIALLY	Safe units matter. I will not balloon the inspection machine before City Hall cuts waste. Fix the books, then put eyes in units that actually need them.
Universal work order forms	YES	Basic fairness. A tenant should be able to put a repair request on paper the landlord has to take. That is not a new department.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	NO	I will not raise registration fees to hire more inspectors. Axe the tax. Cut waste first. Do not grow RentSafe by taxing the buildings.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
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26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	NO	A year-round 26°C bylaw is not my platform. The city should build actual units and keep people safe. A temperature cap is not a housing plan.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	PARTIALLY	Hardship help for air conditioning is fine. I will not merge it into a bigger city program machine. Keep the help; do not grow the bureaucracy.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Public reporting is accountability. Put the numbers out. No extra task force required.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	NO	I will not raise the vacant homes tax to 5%. Axe the tax. You do not tax your way into more homes. Build the units.
City-run municipal grocery stores	NO	The city should not run grocery stores. Food banks exist because housing is too expensive, paycheques are thin, and the street is unsafe. Build houses. Axe the tax. Cut crime. City Hall is not a supermarket chain.
Municipally-owned broadband network	NO	The city should not become an ISP. Stick to crime, houses, and the books. Do not launch another municipal utility so Chow can pretend the internet is a city service.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	NO	I will not lobby Queen's Park for vacancy control or full rent-control theatre. That does not build a single unit. Build actual homes. Axe the taxes and charges that kill supply.



Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	NO	Doubling OW/ODSP is provincial. The city's job is crime, houses, and waste. I am not running for Queen's Park.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	PARTIALLY	The LTB should work. Due process for tenants and landlords. I will not pretend City Hall runs Queen's Park.

Other Mayoral Candidates

No Response Received: Brad Bradford, Braeden Chow, Logan Choy, Laura Dean, Edward Gong, Faizan Haider, Heather He, Mohamad Kaaki, Michael Lamoureux, Sarah McVie, Amy Rosen, Lyall Sanders, Robert Schusterman, Jeffery Tunney.

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Bahira Abdulsalam, Chris Alexander, Paul Collins, Habiba Desai, Alton Frederick, Jack Hartley, Gus Prokos, Faisal Razi, Naomi Sayers, Sandeep Srivastava, Weizhen Tang.

No Email Address Provided: Imad Abdulkadir, Brian Buffey, Kevin Clarke, Alex Cruze, Wincess Dorville, Laura Ellis, Martin Fraser, Thomas Hall, Peter Handjis, Isidoros Kyrlangitses, Rick Lee, Reagan Levermany, Eddie Mayanja, Francis Mercieca, Joseph Osuji, Kuo Yu Tong, Jack Weenen, Henoke Yohannes, Leila Yohannes, Mostafa Zandkarimi.

Ward 1 - Etobicoke North Responses

Chloe Brown

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	To create standardized leases and forms, we need better data sharing between existing platforms like Rent Registry ON, RentSafeTO, and the Toronto Tenants Support Program. Through a partnership between ACORN, FMTA, and TTU, I would call for a “State of Rentals” report. The goal: track enforcement, tenant wellbeing, and affordability to strengthen renters’ housing security. My plan for residential tenants can be found in my Rentsmart: Stable Homes policy and pilot projects plan.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	Knowing which buildings struggle with heating or cooling helps prioritize retrofits. A bylaw capping apartment temperatures at 26°C year-round



		would protect tenants. As one Toronto project shows, upgrades can keep seniors comfortable and cut emissions without forcing them to move. This approach could be a blueprint for aging housing across Canada.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	In Ward 1, I'd expand the AC Assistance Program to all low-income tenants, merging it with the Hardship Fund and ODSP/OW benefits. As solar costs drop, I'll partner with SolarShare to scale renewable heating/cooling retrofits such as hybrid systems and cost-saving plug-and-cool kits for homes, with professional installs for larger buildings. SolarShare has completed a previous project in Rexdale at 32 Goodmark Place. Completed in late 2013 with Bullfrog Power and RESCo Energy, it was SolarShare's first solar installation in Toronto.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	Raise the Vacant Homes Tax to 5% on empty units in apartments. Fund MURA to buy buildings. In Ward 1, I'd expand this to vacant lands and stores—spurring mid-rise housing above plazas and on main streets—for affordable rentals that are operated or owned by community land trusts, cooperatives, or non-profits.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	Policy and Pilot Project plan: Humber Valley Commons (Public Grocery Store)
Municipally-owned	YES	I'd put data control in residents' hands



broadband network		by building city-owned broadband for all new public housing. My priority: partner with local employers, worker-owned co-ops, and Canadian companies like Beanfield, Oxio, and TekSavvy—creating good jobs while keeping the internet affordable, accountable, and firmly in our community.
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Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	I'll push for Landlord & Tenant Board reforms—more in-person hearings and legal aid for tenants. In Ward 1, I'll help tenant groups share resources, cut costs, and join forces on administration, legal work, and organizing, so they stop duplicating efforts and build stronger collective power together.

Norman Hamilton

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	RentSafeTO currently evaluates registered buildings every two years; routine in-unit inspections are not part



		of every evaluation. City materials also identify tenant consent and inspection capacity as requirements to address.
Universal work order forms	YES	Tenants should be able to report a repair problem without needing access to a landlord's app or a particular form. A standard form would help them describe the issue, record when they submitted it, and keep a copy for follow-up. Toronto already provides a sample tenant service request form; this proposal would make acceptance of a City form clear and enforceable.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	I would support a reasonable increase in registration fees to fund additional inspectors, with the proposed fee and staffing plan made public before Council votes. The City should also report whether the added capacity reduces inspection and follow-up times. RentSafeTO currently covers rental apartment buildings with at least three storeys and 10 units, so including townhouses would require a change to the program. Toronto has previously used a registration fee increase to fund additional RentSafeTO staff.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	Yes to taking action to protect tenants from dangerous indoor heat. Heat can pose serious health risks, especially for seniors, children and people with medical conditions. I would support practical measures that give residents access to safe, cool spaces during heat events and help reduce overheating in rental homes.
Expand Air Conditioner	YES	Tenants should have a clear way to



Assistance Program		apply, and the City should coordinate its Air Conditioner Assistance Program with the Hardship Fund and cooling benefits available through Ontario Works and ODSP. Council has already approved steps to standardize how portable air conditioners are provided across these programs. I would work to build on that decision, seek the funding needed to serve more tenants, and avoid duplicate applications or gaps in eligibility. Because the programs have different rules, I would describe the commitment as coordinating and streamlining them, rather than promising that Council alone can formally merge every benefit.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Public reporting would help residents and Council see whether heat-related illness is increasing and evaluate whether cooling assistance and other heat relief measures are reaching people who need them. Toronto Public Health is already developing public reporting on the health impacts of climate change and notes that health data may have a reporting delay. The reports should explain those limits clearly and support timely action during heat events.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	Toronto's Vacant Home Tax is currently 3%, and properties assessed fully as multi-residential are outside its declaration process. I support examining a 5% rate and extending the tax to apartment units deliberately kept vacant for a prolonged period. The rules should distinguish those units



		from ordinary turnover between tenants or units undergoing necessary repairs. I would ask City staff to develop a workable way to identify and assess individual vacant apartment units, including any legal or administrative changes required. I would also support directing additional revenue to the Multi-Unit Residential Acquisition (MURA) program, which helps protect existing affordable rental housing. The City has previously allocated Vacant Home Tax revenue to MURA.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	Toronto has already directed staff to develop a strategy for municipal grocery options, including stores run by the City or in partnership with non-profits. I would support moving from that review to a funded pilot, choosing a location with residents, and publishing the prices, operating costs and results before expansion. The goal must be affordable groceries that people can use regularly.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	Internet access is essential for school, work, health care and City services. Toronto's existing ConnectTO program includes a City broadband network among its goals, but its current public Wi-Fi in housing focuses on common areas. I would build on that work with a costed plan for connections inside new homes, clear affordability and service standards, and public reporting on delivery.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Ontario's rent increase guideline does not cover units first occupied after



		November 15, 2018, or vacant units, and landlords can currently apply for Above-Guideline Increases in eligible circumstances. Those gaps make long-term affordability harder for tenants to rely on. These changes require provincial action, so my commitment as a Toronto councillor would be to press the Province through Council motions, meetings and public advocacy, while bringing tenants' experiences into that work.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	People relying on social assistance need enough income to cover basic necessities, including housing, food and transportation. Ontario already adjusts ODSP rates annually for inflation; I would press the Province to make a substantial increase to both programs and extend ongoing inflation protection to Ontario Works. Payment rates are set provincially, so my role as a Toronto councillor would be to raise this consistently with the Province and support Council advocacy.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	A tenant's ability to participate fairly should not depend on having reliable internet, a private space or confidence using video technology. Legal advice can also help tenants understand the process and present their case. The Board already offers in-person hearings in some circumstances, and Toronto City Council has called on the Province to give tenants a right to them. The Board and legal aid are provincial responsibilities, so I would press Ontario to fund and deliver these reforms.



Nathen Masri

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Tenants deserve safe, properly maintained homes. I support stronger inspections and meaningful enforcement so problems are identified before they become prolonged health or safety issues.
Universal work order forms	YES	Absolutely. As a system architect, I strongly support standardized, trackable service requests that create accountability and give residents a clear record of unresolved problems.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	RentSafeTO should protect tenants regardless of the type of rental building they live in. Inspection capacity should also reflect the hours when working residents are actually available.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	Extreme indoor heat can create serious risks, particularly for seniors, children and vulnerable residents. Toronto needs enforceable standards that protect tenants.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Low-income residents should not have to choose between affordability and protection from dangerous heat. I support coordinated assistance that is easier for eligible residents to access.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	I strongly support evidence-based government. Public data allows



		Council and residents to understand the scale of a problem, measure outcomes and determine whether interventions are actually working.
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Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	Housing should primarily serve as housing. I support measures that discourage homes from being deliberately left vacant and reinvest resulting revenue into protecting and expanding affordable housing.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	Food affordability is fundamental. I support exploring City-led models that increase access to affordable nutritious food, particularly in underserved communities, with transparent costs and measurable outcomes.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	Internet access is essential infrastructure for education, employment and access to services. As a technology entrepreneur and system architect, I support using municipal infrastructure to expand affordable connectivity.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Absolutely, I will advocate to the Province for stronger tenant protections. My Ward 1 Plan already addresses excessive Above-Guideline Increases and housing affordability. Residents should not be displaced simply because they cannot absorb repeated extraordinary increases.
Advocate to double	YES	Although OW and ODSP are provincial



OW/ODSP & index to inflation		responsibilities, I support advocating for assistance levels that respond to the actual cost of living and protect vulnerable residents from being pushed further into poverty.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	I support a faster, accessible and fair LTB system. Tenants and landlords both benefit when disputes are resolved efficiently, while residents who cannot afford representation should have meaningful access to justice.

Other Ward 1 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Ala'a Adib, Vincent Crisanti (incumbent).

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Hard Parmar, Kristian Santos.

No Email Address Provided: Abraham Abbey, Saima Babar, Joseph Martino.



Ward 2 - Etobicoke Centre Responses

Other Ward 2 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Jennifer Alexander.

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Katie Andrachuk, Stephen Holyday (incumbent).

Ward 3 - Etobicoke-Lakeshore Responses

Amber Morley (*incumbent*)

Platform Commitments Made: 11.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	PARTIALLY	Landlords and the onsite management are required to have work orders for maintenance - I support and would reinforce this requirement as an important standard practice for building and unit maintenance and record keeping. If this is ever absent, a universal option via the City could be useful.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	



Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Other Ward 3 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Mihaela Andrei, Ted Opitz.

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Anthony Internicola.



Ward 4 - Parkdale-High Park Responses

Nadia Guerrero

Platform Commitments Made: 9.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Renters are not temporary residents; they are part of the fabric of our community. I support in-unit inspections as part of regular evaluations, with proper notice, tenant consent, and privacy protections, so RentSafeTO measures the conditions people actually live in, not only common areas. RentSafe is a great example of local government meaningfully improving people's lives in concrete ways. It is genuinely one of the few city of Toronto implementation and policy success stories of the last decade or This program should be celebrated and expanded.
Universal work order forms	YES	A clear, universal, and multilingual work order form would create a reliable record for tenants, landlords and the City. It should be available online and in print, and landlords should be required to accept it.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	RentSafeTO should protect tenants regardless of the type of building they live in. I support expanding the program to rental townhouses, adding evening and weekend capacity, and funding enough inspectors through fair fees based on building size and risk,



		while protecting social and non profit housing from added costs.
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Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	Extreme heat is a health and housing safety issue. I support an enforceable 26°C maximum in rental apartments, with clear year-round standards, a phased retrofit plan, and financial support so costs are not simply passed on to tenants through rent increases.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	PARTIALLY	I support expanding the City's air conditioner assistance program to low-income tenants and simplifying access through one coordinated application. The city can align its hardship fund, but Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Works benefits are controlled by the province. I would advocate for full coordination rather than promise a municipal merger the city cannot deliver. I have experience working across governments and would work hard to get this done.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Better public data leads to better decisions. I support privacy-protected, aggregated reporting on heat-related emergency room visits so the city can target outreach, cooling supports, inspections, and building retrofits where the risk is greatest.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	I support a strong, well-enforced vacant homes tax, extending it to



		vacant units in multi residential buildings where legally and administratively workable, and directing added revenue to MURA. I also support examining ways to improve the efficiency of determining which properties are actually vacant to ensure seniors and those with limited English don't get inadvertently hit with the tax. Before fixing the rate at 5%, I would review the results of the current 3% rate and its effects on housing supply, compliance and appeals. The goal is fewer empty homes and more permanently affordable rental housing.
City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	Food affordability is a real pressure on families. Council has already approved a four store municipal pilot, and I support moving it from decision to implementation, measuring whether it lowers prices and improves access, and expanding what works without undermining successful local independent grocers.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	Affordable, reliable internet is essential for education, work, and access to public services. I support including affordable high-speed internet in every newly built City housing project and expanding ConnectTO. I would only commit to a fully City owned network when Council has a credible plan for cost, infrastructure, privacy, security and long term operation.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	PARTIALLY	People deserve stability in their homes. I support extending rent control to all rental units, stronger restrictions and oversight of above guideline



		increases, and stronger protections against excessive rent increases when a unit turns over. At the same time, provincial reforms must allow necessary building repairs and encourage more purpose-built rental housing. We need to protect renters and get more housing built.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	Current social assistance rates do not meet the cost of basic needs in Toronto. I will advocate for doubling Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program rates and indexing both programs to inflation, while pressing for better access to housing, health and employment supports.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	Access to justice should not depend on a person's income or digital access. I support timely Landlord and Tenant Board hearings, a meaningful in person option, continued virtual access where it works, and expanded legal aid and Tenant Duty Counsel for tenants.

Debbie King

Platform Commitments Made: 11.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	



Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	Continue to expand public Wi-Fi strategy to bridge digital divide for low-income residents until financially feasible to revisit a municipality-owned high-speed network.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	



Diana Chan McNally

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	We know that bad landlords often focus on upgrading common spaces without ensuring units are maintained in a state of good repair. A safe, healthy rental building has adequately maintained amenities both inside and outside units.
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	I have been a part of the fight at City Hall to ensure protections for tenants and unhoused residents in the face of extreme heat.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	MURA is our most successful municipal program to keep rents affordable in perpetuity. Not only



		should we apply the Vacant Homes Tax to fund MURA, but we should also work toward a sustained investment in MURA with support from other orders of government.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	I am permanently banned from the Ontario Legislature for fighting for rent control when Doug Ford threatened to remove it with the initial introduction of Bill 60. I will continue to fight for a full suite of rent controls for all renters.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	Years of my advocacy have focused on dramatically scaling up social assistance to match the real cost of living. OW and ODSP also need to ensure a shelter allowance is granted to unhoused recipients.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Bridget Ogundipe

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections	YES	



during biennial evaluations		
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	



Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	
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Vanessa Raponi

Platform Commitments Made: 11/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Regardless of whether there are consistent themes of maintenance issues within a building, individual units will always have unique needs and issues. Having inspections routinely conducted per-unit will have tangible improvements to people's daily lives.
Universal work order forms	YES	Clear consolidation of communication, unified across millions of people will allow for consistency and improved efficiency. Issues can be clearly laid out, tutorials can be made for newcomers, seniors and any other groups that need assistance, and ultimately landlords can have unified understanding. This concept reminds me of the standardized lease format implemented, which has improved communication and protected tenants.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	As someone who lives in a sixplex currently and grew up in an apartment above a retail store, I can attest that unique building types require unique service and protection. Access to RentSafeTO services outside of traditional business hours will also allow those with non-traditional work hours to avail their services. More resources should be allocated to accommodate these needs.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	My apartment got up to 31 degrees this summer – it is truly an excruciating experience, which impacts a variety of marginalized communities even more significantly. This is a no-brainer need to implement and enforce, and will only become a greater concern as climate change worsens over the coming years.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	We need to remove barriers to access for our most vulnerable communities. Investments are required to do so.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Data is an invaluable tool to make change, we need to collect and summarize this information frequently.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	Vacant homes are unacceptable during a housing crisis. Homeowners must use their properties. MURA is also an essential tool to get the right housing to the right people. Non-profits and charities are critical partners and experts that should be supported to provide increased permanent housing supply.
City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	My priority is to use public tax dollars to most efficiently address the needs of our communities, and food insecurity is an active crisis in our city (10% of Toronto is currently accessing food banks). My concern is that the economies of scale shown by food insecurity experts (such as DBFB) demonstrate that there are exorbitant costs involved for the city to run these



		grocery stores with meaningfully reduced costs to consumers. We need to address the root causes of food insecurity: affordable housing, income supports & decent work. And we need to partner with federal and provincial colleagues to apply new regulations to mass grocery chains to keep the cost of food down.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	The duopoly of private businesses controlling internet connectivity in 2026 is a serious concern. I would need to review the thorough cost-benefit analysis the city personally managing their own network (to ensure there are not similar concerns with city run grocery stores). I'm curious if there are other tools (such as rebates or policy changes) that could bring the same outcome (internet connectivity to all) in a more cost effective manner. I am ultimately open to this concept.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	I strongly am in support of this. I actively fight for rent freezes in my Tenants Association, and won one for the tenants I represent earlier this year. I am not only concerned about AGIs but I'm also concerned about buildings with no rent control protections at all, arbitrarily impacted by the rule to exclude properties first occupied after 2018. These will be top priorities of mine in voting and policy creation/advocacy. We need creative incentives to private developers to fund building improvements without impacting the tenant's monthly rent.
Advocate to double	YES	Currently, payments on these



OW/ODSP & index to inflation		programs are well below the poverty line. This is unacceptable. Folks in crisis and unable to work for various reasons need the funds to support themselves with rent, food, cell phones, transit, and other necessities. I will advocate accordingly.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	It is incredibly complex to navigate existing systems. I've had my property manager simply say "no, I'd rather not meet with the Tenants Association" and there's little action and control I can fight back with. We need more resources, and more consistent advocacy across the city to protect tenants.

Holly Weber

Platform Commitments Made: 9.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	PARTIALLY	Respect for tenant privacy should preclude in-unit inspections. I support greater education/promotion to residents of the complaint process to address in-unit issues.
Universal work order forms	YES	Support a streamlined, simple, effective approach.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	I need to understand how much this would expand the scope of work and costs. If there are issues in these residences that warrant it, I would support it.



Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	This was already adopted by the city this year.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Increased high temperature events in Toronto warrants this.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Increase transparency to highlight the size and scope of the issue.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	The current 3% tax is already going to the city's affordable housing programs. Where does the n
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	The pilot project for this has already been approved with the full plan to be presented in 2027.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	The city cancelled its plan for this in 2022. I am open to a cooperative arrangement with private ISPs to provide subsidized service to those meeting eligibility requirements.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	PARTIALLY	Rental affordability should be met through the increase in supply across the city.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	Since the city must deal with the consequences of inadequate supports, its incumbent on city hall to advocate for greater help in addressing the root causes.



Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	The process is not working for tenants or landlords. The Board must increase its efficiency and effectiveness so matters can be resolved timely and sufficiently.
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Other Ward 4 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Adam Pham, Steve Yuen.

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Andy Potega.

No Email Address Provided: Michael Corcoran.

Ward 5 - York South-Weston Responses

Endorsed by the Weston ACORN Political Action Committee: Chiara Padovani

Sharmarke Ali

Platform Commitments Made: 7/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Good landlords should not be disadvantaged by bad landlords. Rental properties should meet basic health and safety standards, and the City should enforce those standards.
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	Yes to better enforcement; I want the City to establish the actual staffing and funding requirements before committing to a specific fee increase.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	PARTIALLY	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	



Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	I support strengthening the Vacant Homes Tax and using the revenue to support housing, but the exact rate and application should be based on evidence and reviewed for unintended consequences.
City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	PARTIALLY	I will advocate to the province for stronger tenant protections while using every municipal tool available to protect renters.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	NO	I support helping residents facing poverty, but I will not make promises about programs that are outside City Council's authority.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	PARTIALLY	

Matthew Boateng

Platform Commitments Made: 10.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
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In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	I grew up living in a TCHC building at 30 Denarda Street for over 25 years, and a universal work order form would've come in handy over the years. I have pictures that can tell the story of how our unit was neglected for years!
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	I would love to get more information about this.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	Landlords are ultimately responsible for in apartment temperatures, but the city can definitely move the needle on making this legislation.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	As I'm aware, Toronto Public health reports on heat-related emergency room visits.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	Currently the tax is 3% of the home's overall market value. More money allocated to programs like MURA would be great; however, I would like to have a costed plan of where the increased 2% would be used.
City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	This would be an interesting pilot project for the city. I want to ensure that this will not ultimately affect small



		businesses.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	Canadians, especially those in the city of Toronto, pay the highest phone and internet services anywhere in the world. A pilot project like this will help ease the financial burden of many low-moderate income individuals.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	It's simple, rent should not increase faster and more frequently than wages.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	There are many individuals and families who have extenuating circumstances that do not allow them to work. The government should be there to help the most vulnerable. Concurrently, the government should continue to do its due diligence to maintain fiscal responsibility.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Frances Nunziata (*incumbent*)

Platform Commitments Made: 2.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	?	I voted for stronger inspection and penalties for landlords and advocated for measures to ensure there is more compliance with penalties for delinquent landlords. More than 50% of my constituents rent; many live in high



		rises and some tenants don't always know their rights and obligations. I welcome the opportunity and have brought expertise of RentSafeTO and legal advisors to tenant meeting which I have proactively organized.
Universal work order forms	?	I supported the City enhancements to the inspection process and procedures for landlords through the MLS and will continue to advocate to ensure compliance. Landlords need to be held accountable for poor maintenance and having been a tenant I fully understand that is a tall order sometimes.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	?	It is my understand that MLS has invested in more training for staff and ensuring there is sufficient staff to handle investigations.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	I voted in support of minimum and maximum temperatures in rental buildings.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	I voted in support of the AC program especially for low income households and seniors. I continue to support residents of my ward to access this program and get the AC.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	PARTIALLY	Public Health is a separate entity and that limits individual councillors'. My pathway to advocacy is through city departments and by doing Motions at Council which I have done.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
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Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	?	I help residents all the time to ensure they are compliant with VHT. The program you mention is not presently in suburban wards.
City-run municipal grocery stores	?	My ward has food banks, discount grocers and many diverse green grocers that provide foods that our multi cultural residents have for their food preferences.
Municipally-owned broadband network	?	I am not aware of this matter.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	?	I advocate that tenants pay their rent and challenge above guideline increases, work with RentSafeTO and MLS to ensure their building repairs and maintenance is as good as possible.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	NO	This is a provincial matter.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	NO	This is a provincial matter.

Chiara Padovani

Endorsed by the Weston ACORN Political Action Committee

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections	YES	One of the ways a landlord can avoid



during biennial evaluations		maintenance and upkeep is by blaming tenants for lack of repairs, failing to follow-up with requests and providing shoddy work. With RentSafeTO able to conduct in-unit inspections, it'll be much harder for landlords to hide their lack of maintenance or ignore tenants' rights.
Universal work order forms	YES	Aside from making things universal and tailored to tenants' needs and rights, using the landlords' form is often a way for them to coax tenants onto potentially difficult and misleading online portal systems. It shouldn't be the tenant's job to figure out the landlord's request system in order to get maintenance done.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	There are only three (3!) RentSafeTO inspectors for our ward, with a population of over 116,000 people, more than half of whom are renters. Increasing the number of inspectors is fundamental to ensuring RentSafeTO can actually do its job.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	So many of my neighbours are forced to endure stifling apartments during the summer months. Why do we only guarantee a healthy indoor climate for half of the year? Our homes shouldn't be a health risk.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Summer heat waves are becoming more frequent and more severe due to climate change. During these heat waves, having an AC unit is often the only way to get relief from the heat in one's home, but they are often out of reach for many. We should ensure that



		our most vulnerable neighbours and those who have fallen on hard times can have access to this basic necessity.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	We need to have reliable data on heat-related emergencies in our city so we can ensure that we're actually mitigating the effects of heat waves and global warming, starting with the most vulnerable among us.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	There are far too many vacant homes that speculators are just sitting on, and not nearly enough truly affordable units. I'd also propose shortening the grace period a developer/corporate owner of a new property gets until they start getting charged for vacancy, from two years to six months.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	The rent is too damn high, but so are the groceries. These are the two biggest expenses for working people, month-to-month. We need to make both more affordable, now!
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	The Internet is a basic utility, it's 2026. Our highly-consolidated telecoms industry needs more competition, and an option that treats this as a necessary service - not another opportunity for profit.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Rent control is fundamental to keeping rents from continuing to rise the way they have. We need real rent control



		now, no more AGI loopholes, and vacancy control to keep rents affordable and stop displacement. Part of my platform will be to propose an AGI bylaw, so that landlords have to promise to not pass the costs of their upgrades and investments on to tenants in exchange for their required permits from the City.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	Both OW and ODSP are far too low to cover basic living expenses like rent. They both need to be indexed to inflation to ensure we aren't continually falling below the threshold of providing a dignified standard of living.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	There are so many things wrong with the LTB, but some of the main obstacles for tenants are knowing their rights, having access to legal aid and to the hearings. Many, especially seniors and those with accessibility needs, struggle with the online system. It's just another example of how the system benefits the landlords at the expense of tenants.

Sileen Phillips

Platform Commitments Made: 10/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Homes should be safe, properly maintained and functioning and in accordance with RentSafeTO, Toronto's Apartment Building Standards Program. In the absence of in-unit inspection, health and safety is at serious risk of compromise. It is



		impossible to assure proper maintenance, detect hazards (and fix them), legal violations or problematic deterioration from without. A very common issue like pest control, for example, is something that can be addressed long before it becomes a long-standing issue. So in-unit inspection should certainly extend to that, especially since it is an all too common problem. Too many residents are paying rent for a space that they are sharing with unwelcome guests. Pests are not a mere inconvenience, but pose serious health risks. Other serious issues such as heating/cooling, electrical hazards, plumbing issues, and fire safety are not conditions to be acted upon only after something happens. Some things are avoidable.
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	Expanding RentSafeTO to cover rental townhouses would address a significant gap in Toronto's housing standards framework. Townhouse tenants can face the same problems as apartment residents—including pests, mould, heating failures, plumbing issues, electrical hazards, and fire-safety risks—yet these homes do not receive the same proactive oversight. Including rental townhouses would promote consistent enforcement of municipal property standards and give tenants a clearer process for resolving maintenance concerns. This expansion must be supported by greater inspection capacity, including evening and weekend availability. Many tenants work non-standard hours, care for children, or face mobility barriers that make daytime appointments difficult. A fair and



		effective enforcement system should accommodate residents' schedules rather than require them to reorganize their lives around limited City operating hours. Additional capacity could be funded by increasing RentSafeTO registration fees. Because these fees are paid by building owners, higher charges would represent a reasonable regulatory cost rather than a direct burden on tenants. The resulting revenue could support hiring more inspectors, extending service hours, and improving response times, thereby strengthening compliance and tenant protections. The City should ensure that all rental housing types are covered by an effective enforcement program. Expanding RentSafeTO to rental townhouses, increasing inspection capacity, and improving accessibility would help ensure that landlords meet their maintenance responsibilities and that tenants can participate meaningfully in the enforcement process.
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Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	The rationale is quite simple. Temperatures impact health and well-being. No person should be paying for a living space that they cannot comfortably 'live' in, and especially for reasons beyond their control. Those at greater risk are babies, pregnant women and seniors, not to mention the chronically ill. A legal maximum indoor temperature is essential because heat is a life-safety issue, not a comfort issue. As climate change drives more frequent and severe heat waves, indoor



		temperatures in poorly insulated or inadequately cooled homes can rise to levels that endanger health, especially for seniors, children, people with disabilities, and those with chronic illnesses. Without a legislated maximum, there is no enforceable obligation for landlords to keep units safe during extreme heat. Tenants are left to rely on voluntary action, inconsistent building policies, or informal complaints — none of which guarantee timely or adequate cooling.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	As above
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	A clear, enforceable requirement for Toronto Public Health to publicly report heat-related emergency room visits is necessary because it turns a growing climate-driven health risk into something the City can actually measure, monitor, and act on. Directing Toronto Public Health to publicly report heat-related emergency room visits is especially important for Ward 5 – York South–Weston, where local conditions make residents more vulnerable to extreme heat than many other parts of the city. This ward has some of the city’s oldest rental housing stock, including aging high-rise towers in Weston, Mount Dennis, Brookhaven– Amesbury, and Beechborough–Greenbrook. Many of these buildings were built before today’s climate issues and lack sufficient cooling, adequate insulation, or modern electrical systems capable of supporting air-conditioning. During heat waves, indoor temperatures in these units can rise to dangerous levels, particularly on upper floors. Our ward also has a higher proportion of seniors, low-income households, and



		residents with chronic health conditions, all susceptible to heat-related illness. Public reporting of heat-related ER visits would give us something we currently lack: clear, neighbourhood-specific evidence of how extreme heat is affecting local residents. This kind of information would help identify which buildings, blocks, or demographic groups are experiencing the greatest harm, allowing the City to target interventions more effectively. It is difficult to measure the seriousness of an issue or determine the actions necessary without measuring the issue itself.
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Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	A higher rate makes long-term vacancy more costly, encouraging owners to rent out units rather than leave them empty. This can help improve housing availability in tight rental markets. Advocates for affordable housing argue that stronger vacancy taxes help prevent price gouging by discouraging landlords from keeping units empty to drive up rents. They see it as a tool that pushes more units back into the rental market, stabilizes supply, and reduces speculative behaviour. Directing revenue to programs like MURA is viewed as a way to protect existing affordable housing and reduce displacement. However, developers on the other hand say that it disincentivizes new construction. It is a slightly tricky area to navigate but it is truly a matter of how to balance immediate affordability pressures with long-term supply needs.



City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	This is included in my platform. I believe that City-run grocery stores provide stable access to affordable, healthy food in neighborhoods like Ward 5, where private grocery options are limited and prices are rising. Rising costs is only one part of the issue. There is also the matter of healthy produce grown without the use of poisonous chemicals. While we cannot necessarily control this for every type of produce, it makes a meaningful difference to the health of consumers even if it is applied to the most commonly consumed produce that can be grown locally, including utilizing greenhouses. By taking some control of the food market, it will help to reduce food insecurity, and most importantly, reinvest revenue locally. In addition, it could mean job opportunities, especially for our youth. I see this is not just a service — it is a fairness measure that ensures every resident can reliably access the food they need to live with dignity. Lastly, increased rents has many residents using 80% of their income for rent, some being forced to choose days to go without food or choosing between food and medication or other necessities. Having been raised in chronically impoverished conditions where we had to go days without food, I understand the struggle and in a country like this, in a city like this, no such issue should exist. Toronto's own audits show that single-family households generate more than 99,000 tonnes of food waste annually, including both avoidable and unavoidable waste. How can we be having a food crisis amid this? We need to balance the scales.
Municipally-owned	NO	I think internet should be something



broadband network		that remains with the private companies, like Bell, but negotiated by the City for a super low rate. My reason is simply that it is not their area of expertise (the city is not a telecommunications company) so I have concerns about potential issues such as turnaround timeframes in the event of service disruption, efficiency with security, etc.
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Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Also a part of my platform. We have seen what the lack of rent control has resulted in. It has produced three major, well-documented outcomes: sharply rising rents, increased displacement, and a shrinking supply of affordable units. Because Ontario allows vacancy decontrol—landlords can charge any amount for rent (and they have been doing that with the hikes we have seen). Toronto has seen dramatic rent spikes, low vacancy rates, and loss of affordable housing stock. This is the direct result of weak rent control rules.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	?	I believe social assistance is an excellent means of support for individuals who are unable to be in the workforce. I appreciate what it offers and am glad it is available. However, there are persons who do not need to be on it long-term and simply need some help in finding a sense of direction and purpose for their lives, even those on disability. While those who are necessary clients need the increase to match today's inflation rates, I think redesigning the system to ward off those who may see it as an



		opportunity to unnecessarily burden the system should be considered. Many social-policy experts argue that both goals can coexist: higher rates for dignity and survival, paired with strong supports for those who can re-enter the workforce.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	Reform aims to increase fairness, accessibility, and due process, but it must balance those goals with cost, efficiency, and regional equity.

Other Ward 5 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Daniel Di Giorgio, Nekpen Obasogie.

No Email Address Provided: Maryama Farah, Ahmed Mawel.

Ward 6 - York Centre Responses

Conroy Irving

Platform Commitments Made: 8.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	RentSafeTO should have the resources and scope necessary to protect tenants across different types of rental housing. Registration fees should be structured so that landlords contribute appropriately to enforcement capacity.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	Tenants should not be forced to live in dangerously hot conditions. The City should establish and enforce clear minimum standards for safe indoor temperatures, particularly for seniors, children and vulnerable residents.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	



Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	?	
City-run municipal grocery stores	?	I would support partnerships with local farmers, food producers, community organizations, and grocery operators to help lower costs and improve access to affordable food.
Municipally-owned broadband network	NO	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	PARTIALLY	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Other Ward 6 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: James Pasternak (incumbent).

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Alexander Artamonov.



Ward 7 - Humber River-Black Creek Responses

Lorna Antwi

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Every tenant deserves a safe and healthy home, not just a well-maintained lobby. I will push for RentSafeTO to include in-unit inspections as part of regular biennial building evaluations, so problems with mould, pests, heating, plumbing, ventilation and other health and safety concerns don't remain hidden behind a tenant's front door.
Universal work order forms	YES	Yes I would push the motion in council for a universal work order form that allows a tenant to formally notify the landlord, property manager, superintendent or housing provider of a repair maintenance, health, safety or service issue.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	I will support expanding RentSafeTO to include rental townhouses and increasing evening and weekend inspection capacity so tenants can access services when they need them. If registration fees are increased, I will ensure they do not create financial hardship for low-income residents and seniors, while directing additional revenue toward hiring more inspectors, improving response times, and strengthening enforcement.



Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	I will support a bylaw that caps indoor temperatures in apartment buildings at 26°C year-round, not just during the summer. Tenants deserve safe, comfortable, and healthy living conditions in every season this is very important. I care about residents' health and safety.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	I will support expanding the Air Conditioner Assistance Program (all year round, not only able to apply in the summer months) to all low-income tenants in Toronto and coordinating it with the Hardship Fund and ODSP/OW AC benefit. No low-income tenant should be left without access to safe, reliable cooling because they cannot afford an air conditioner.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Yes, I will push a motion for Toronto Public Health to publicly report transparent data on heat-related emergency room visits in the city. Clear data will help us understand the impact of extreme heat, identify vulnerable communities, and strengthen our response to protect residents, as well as guide council in making more informed decisions to support them.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	I will support expanding the Vacant Home Tax to 5% and applying it to vacant units in multi-residential apartment buildings. I would direct this revenue toward the Multi-Unit



		Residential Acquisition (MURA) program to help preserve affordable rental housing and protect tenants from displacement.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	The City has already moved forward with a City-run grocery store program, and I will support expanding it to high-need, low-income neighbourhoods to provide affordable, healthy food. However, this must be part of a larger, long-term solution to food affordability. As a Councillor, I will use my voice to advocate to the provincial government for greater transparency in food pricing and measures to reduce the cost of groceries, so affordability is not limited to select neighbourhoods. Every Toronto resident should be able to afford healthy food.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	I will support and push a motion for creating a municipally owned broadband network with transparent public reporting on all newly built City housing units, including where they are being built and how they are being delivered. Residents deserve clear, accessible information about City housing investments in their communities.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	I will advocate loudly and at every opportunity for full rent control across Toronto. This includes applying rent control to all rental units, banning Above-Guideline Increases (AGIs), and implementing vacancy control to protect tenants from unaffordable rent increases and displacement. We need



		to restore housing affordability in the City of Toronto. Strong rent protections can help prevent homelessness for families and seniors while providing much-needed financial relief for Torontonians. I will fight to ensure no one is left behind and stand up against the Ford government.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	As a City of Toronto Councillor with frontline experience, I see firsthand the urgent need for increased support for Ontario Works (OW), the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), and CPP/OAS for seniors. I will advocate for higher social assistance rates, including doubling OW and ODSP payments and indexing them to inflation, while working with the provincial government to ensure seniors and vulnerable residents have the financial support they need to live with dignity.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	I will advocate for Landlord and Tenant Board reform, including bringing back accessible in-person hearings and expanding access to legal aid for tenants. Tenants deserve a fair process, timely hearings, and the legal support they need to understand and protect their rights.

Anthony Perruzza (*incumbent*)

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial	YES	



evaluations		
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	



Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	
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Other Ward 7 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Amanda Coombs.



Ward 8 - Eglinton-Lawrence Responses

Mike Colle (*incumbent*)

Platform Commitments Made: 11.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	



City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Jason McDonald

Platform Commitments Made: 10 / 12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Basic enforcement. If the City inspects buildings, it should inspect the actual units people live in — not just lobbies and hallways. This is the minimum for a program called RentSafe.
Universal work order forms	YES	Reduces bureaucratic friction between tenants and landlords. A standardized form accepted city-wide removes one tool landlords use to delay repairs. No cost, high impact.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	I support expanding scope to rental townhouses and adding



		evening/weekend capacity. On registration fees: the structure matters. Fee increases must be calibrated so they are not simply passed through to tenants via above-guideline increases. The cost should land on the owner, not the renter.
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Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	PARTIALLY	I support a maximum indoor temperature bylaw for summer months. A year-round 26°C cap creates a practical problem in winter — tenants should not be forced to overheat their units to comply. The bylaw should apply during the cooling season (May–September) when heat vulnerability is acute.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Extreme heat is a public health emergency and it disproportionately affects low-income tenants, seniors, and people with disabilities. Merging this with the Hardship Fund and OW/ODSP benefits simplifies access. This is basic health equity.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Public data drives public accountability. If we do not track heat-related ER visits by neighbourhood, we cannot target interventions where they are needed. This aligns with my platform commitment to publish city data that matters to residents.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	I support raising the Vacant Homes Tax and directing revenue to MURA —



		the City should be acquiring rental stock to protect affordability. My reservation is the 5% rate and application to multi-residential units: small landlords with genuine vacancies (renovations, tenant transitions) should not be penalized the same way speculators sitting on empty units are. I would support tiered rates.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	Food deserts are a real problem in working-class neighbourhoods, including parts of Ward 8. A municipally-run grocery program in underserved areas is a direct service intervention that addresses cost of living at the point of purchase. I would explore co-op and non-profit operating models.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	I support the goal — affordable internet access is essential infrastructure. My platform commits to zero property tax increases, so the funding model matters. I would pursue federal/provincial broadband grants, utility-model pricing, and private partnership structures that do not offload capital costs onto ratepayers.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Ward 8 is a working-class ward. Tenants here have been squeezed for 16 years while the incumbent was Deputy Mayor and FIFA Chair. I will advocate for full rent control — including vacancy control and banning AGIs — at every opportunity. The province has jurisdiction, but the City has a voice, and I will use it.
Advocate to double	YES	Social assistance rates in Ontario are



OW/ODSP & index to inflation		below the poverty line. Doubling OW/ODSP and indexing to inflation is the floor, not the ceiling. A city councillor cannot unilaterally change provincial rates, but I will join the chorus of municipal leaders demanding it — and I will ensure the City's own programs do not penalize people for being poor.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	The Landlord and Tenant Board is broken. In-person hearings, expanded legal aid, and reasonable timelines are basic due process. When tenants face eviction without representation and landlords wait months for hearings, the system fails everyone. I will advocate for these reforms publicly and through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Enzo Torrone

Platform Commitments Made: 7/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	PARTIALLY	I partially support in unit inspections, but well managed buildings and landlords with a strong compliance record should not be subject to biennial inspections.
Universal work order forms	YES	I support creating a universal work order form to ensure every tenant can submit and have maintenance requests formally recognized and addressed.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	I support expanding RentSafeTO, but registration fees should be structured



		carefully so they do not increase tenant's rents or unduly affect the financial viability of rental housing providers.
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Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	I support a 26°C year-round temperature limit to protect tenant's health, safety and comfort, especially vulnerable residents.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	I support expanding the air conditioner assistance program to all low income tenants, but would like to see where the properties are properly retrofitted to be cooled without the use of portable/window units.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	I support this as a way to promote transparency and better understand the health impacts of extreme heat.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	NO	Raising a vacant home tax is not the answer. We want to hold landlord's accountable for maintenance and upkeep and we should also hold tenants accountable for not destroying a property and also making sure rental payments are on time. The only reason for vacant units is fear of what may happen. Rules need to be fair both ways and when they are all the vacant units will eventually come back to market ultimately making rents more affordable.
City-run municipal grocery stores	NO	The City of Toronto does not have a track record for running a successful



		business. If anything create a food allowance for low income families so that they could shop for quality groceries.
Municipally-owned broadband network	NO	Again City of Toronto would be better off to work a deal with the major suppliers so that they would not have to worry about the daily operations and maintenance of the systems. They do not have this expertise.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	PARTIALLY	I support full rent control, including vacancy control and limits on AGI's, provided landlords can recover documented increases in property taxes, essential costs beyond their control and damages caused by tenant negligences.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	PARTIALLY	Social assistance payments should be based on current market situations and adjusted so that those on assistance are not struggling to make rent payments that being said and done I would support indexing to inflation
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	I fully support Landlord and Tenant Board reform as the system is so far out of date and out of touch. There are good and bad on both sides of tenant and landlord and to finally come up with a system that keeps everyone in check and does not allow either side leniency when rules are being circumvented. There needs to be respect on both sides if our rental systems are expected to work properly.

Daniel Traves

Platform Commitments Made: 10.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	This is a great idea provided that it is done in coordination with all public housing rules and regulations.(if applicable)
Universal work order forms	YES	Same answer as above.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	I would have to look more into registration fee issues. Accommodating residents that work etc sounds great.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	We are all human and deserve to thrive in a comfortable environment. We also must consider all animals including service animals.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	As a constituency assistant for Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie I helped with the beginnings of this program with TCHC.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	PARTIALLY	I believe every patient has a right to privacy. However if there is a continuous problem in general it needs to be expressed to the public 100%.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax	YES	I am all for a vacant home tax. I



to 5%; allocate to MURA		understand the concept. But I would have to look into this more to understand what % would be appropriate.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	We are all human and have the right to affordable/healthy food. Foodbanks can't always provide what folks need so options would be great.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	If it provides a cheaper option for those that can't afford a hefty bill then sure. If it is in the budget then it's an option so folks can job search & keep in touch with family, appointments etc.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Self explanatory
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	Self explanatory
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	Self explanatory

Other Ward 8 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Liz Grade.

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Domenico Maiolo.

Ward 9 - Davenport Responses

Alejandra Bravo (*incumbent*)

Endorsed by the Toronto ACORN Political Action Committee

Platform Commitments Made: 11.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	Councillor Bravo has consistently supported increases to funding for RentSafeTO since taking office, through increased registration fees.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	Councillor Bravo has advocated for the development of a maximum indoor temperature bylaw with ACORN leaders.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Councillor Bravo voted to support expanding the Air Conditioner program at Council.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	



Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	Supportive of this in principle, but Councillor Bravo has concerns around the potential impact for application of Above-Guideline-Increases for tenants in multi-residential units if the Vacant Homes Tax is applied to these buildings.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	Councillor Bravo supports low-income people being able to access affordable internet, as this is a critical service. However, Toronto would need federal leadership on this file to help the city develop and fund the necessary infrastructure for a city-owned broadband network, especially since Toronto Hydro sold the City's fiber cable system in 2008 to Congeco Cable Inc. Councillor Bravo will support ConnectTO to advance this idea, including investing in a feasibility study and report.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	



Neil Simon

Platform Commitments Made: 11.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Regular in-unit inspections, with tenant consent and proper notice, would help identify mould, pests, inadequate heating and repairs that building-wide inspections may miss.
Universal work order forms	YES	A standard form would give tenants proof that repairs were requested and create a clear record for enforcement when landlords fail to act.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	RentSafeTO should cover rental townhouses and be available when tenants are home. Reasonable registration fees can fund more inspectors and stronger enforcement.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	Excessive indoor heat is a serious health risk, particularly for seniors, children and people with medical conditions. Implementation should be phased and supported by a practical retrofit plan.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Low-income tenants should not have to choose between paying bills and protecting their health during extreme heat. Assistance should prioritize vulnerable residents.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Public reporting on heat-related emergency-room visits, while protecting patient privacy, would help



		Toronto identify vulnerable communities and direct cooling assistance and public-health resources where they are needed most.
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Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	Homes should house people, not remain deliberately empty during a housing crisis. Revenue should help preserve existing affordable rental buildings through MURA.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	I support starting with carefully evaluated pilot locations in underserved neighbourhoods and expanding programs that successfully lower food costs
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	I support ensuring that all newly built City housing has reliable, affordable high-speed internet. Before creating a municipally owned network, the City should complete a feasibility study comparing costs, partnerships and existing providers. The goal should be affordable access without creating unnecessary financial risk for taxpayers.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Tenants need protection from excessive increases, renovations and sudden rent increases when a unit becomes vacant. Necessary building repairs must still be completed without unfairly burdening tenants.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to	YES	Current social-assistance rates do not reflect Toronto's high costs of housing,



inflation		food and transportation. Although benefit rates are set by the Province, I will advocate for substantial increases and automatic inflation adjustments so that vulnerable residents can meet their basic needs.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	Tenants and landlords deserve timely, fair and accessible hearings. I will advocate for in-person hearing options, reduced delays and expanded legal assistance so that income, disability or lack of technology does not prevent anyone from receiving a fair hearing.

Other Ward 9 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Marco Martins.

No Email Address Provided: Ashley Jansen.

Ward 10 - Spadina-Fort York Responses

Ian Cunningham

Platform Commitments Made: 7/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	PARTIALLY	I support strengthening RentSafeTO so tenants can request an in-unit inspection when inspectors are already conducting a building evaluation, and expanding proactive inspections in buildings with a history of serious or recurring violations. But routinely inspecting every rental unit every two years would be costly, intrusive and could divert inspectors from buildings where problems are actually occurring. I support inspections where the evidence tells us they're needed, respond quickly when tenants raise concerns, and hold landlords accountable when they fail to maintain their properties.
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	I support making RentSafeTO more accessible to tenants, including ensuring complaints and serious property-standard issues can be addressed outside traditional working hours when needed. But before expanding the program to thousands of additional properties and increasing fees across the board, the City should demonstrate where additional



		inspectors are needed and target resources toward buildings and landlords with recurring violations.
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Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	PARTIALLY	Elderly and vulnerable populations deserve to be safe from harsh heat conditions that place their health at risk. I believe a blanket 26°C requirement year-round would need to account for the realities of Toronto's diverse and often aging apartment buildings, the cost of necessary retrofits, and the risk that those costs ultimately get passed on to tenants. I support instead a rebate program for retrofitting older buildings with new energy efficient air conditioning units.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	NO	I support directing Vacant Home Tax revenues toward proven affordable housing initiatives like MURA, which preserves existing rental buildings as permanently affordable housing. But our goal should be results: getting more homes occupied, protecting affordable rentals and making sure every housing dollar delivers. We should be getting vacant homes back into use, not leaving badly needed housing sitting empty. Toronto's Vacant



		Home Tax is already helping to do that.
City-run municipal grocery stores	NO	My concern regarding city-run grocery stores is the impact they would have on small and independent grocery stores. Those small and independent stores would not be able to compete, forcing them to close.
Municipally-owned broadband network	NO	I support requiring broadband-ready infrastructure in new City housing and using the City's purchasing power and assets to secure affordable internet for residents. I would want to ensure that any municipally owned network delivers real value to users by passing along cost savings, operating efficiently, and keeping pace with technological advances so residents continue to benefit from better service and lower costs over time.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	PARTIALLY	Renters deserve predictability and protection from unreasonable rent increases, and I support reasonable rent protections for tenants regardless of when their building was constructed. But we also need to keep building new rental housing. Any changes to rent control should be designed carefully so they don't discourage the investment Toronto needs to increase rental supply. I support stronger oversight of Above-Guideline Increases so tenants aren't paying more for routine maintenance that landlords should already be providing. At the same time, we need a workable way to fund legitimate major improvements to aging apartment buildings. On vacancy control, I would want to see clear



		evidence that it can improve affordability without reducing investment in new rental housing or creating incentives for existing rental units to leave the market.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Andi Hoàng-Lefranc

Platform Commitments Made: 11.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Allowing RentSafeTO to conduct in-unit inspections would be a powerful tool in ensuring that critical repairs are addressed before they become untenable. This will ensure that residents can continue living in their homes safely and are not forced out due to renovations that could have been avoided if the building was better maintained.
Universal work order forms	YES	By providing a universal work order form template to residents, the City can better help residents advocate for necessary repairs to their homes. A work order form template can better help residents lay out what residents require from their landlords in a clear and concise manner. This will simplify the process of submitting service requests, while encouraging prompt resolution of said requests.



Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	The RentSafeTO program is meant to protect and advocate for renters by ensuring that building owners and operators comply with building maintenance standards. By expanding the program's reach to include rental townhouses and additional capacity in the evenings and weekends, this will make sure that renters' concerns are actually accounted for during RentSafeTO's inspections, rather than solely relying on building owners and operators to accurately portray the living conditions of their tenants.
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Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	Health Canada recommends that an upper indoor temperature limit be set at 26°C, especially to protect residents who are aged 60 and over. This cap would also serve to help residents who have health conditions that make them heat sensitive better manage their health. As Toronto faces increasing temperatures as a result of climate change, City Council must act to protect the health of all its residents and a maximum indoor temperature bylaw is a vital tool in this effort.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Air conditioning (AC), is often misclassified as a luxury amenity. In the face of climate change, AC is a necessity, especially for those who experience heat related medical and health issues. In order to better support low-income tenants who require AC to better manage their health, expanding the Air Conditioner Assistance Program is a public necessity.



TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	As an individual who has experienced multiple instances of heat stroke, it is of the utmost important that the City and its residents are provided with a clear picture of the human cost of climate change. By understanding how extreme heat affects the health of our population, the City can better respond with appropriate heat mitigation strategies that prioritise the health and well-being of residents.
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Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	Homes are meant to be lived in. The treatment of housing solely as an investment has contributed to Toronto being the 10th most unaffordable housing market globally. An expanded Vacant Homes Tax will allow the City to better support non-profit housing providers and community land trusts who have not yet been able to access the funds needed to support the housing needs of their communities.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	In March 2025, City Council voted to explore the creation of city-run grocery stores. Instead of City-led exploration, I am committed to actually opening an expanded network of City-run grocery stores by leveraging the City's ability to purchase foodstuffs and fresh produce in bulk, which will keep costs low while curbing food waste. Increasing the availability of affordable groceries will force other grocery stores to lower their prices in response to shifting market demand.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	Given the monopolistic nature of our telecommunications & broadband industry in Canada, any



		municipally-owned broadband network will unfortunately not be economically feasible. Access to the necessary infrastructure to operate a broadband network would require the City to pay exuberant rental fees to the major telecoms corporations who will likely take advantage of the City's resources, as these monopolies have no incentive to offer a fair deal. At this moment, Toronto must advocate for the federal government to enact laws and policies that break up these monopolies so that it is economically feasible for different stakeholders, including cities, to offer fair and accessible telecommunications access.
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Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	It is clear that the Ford government has no intention of operating in a manner that protects renters, leaving renters to advocate for themselves. Instead, the provincial government has enacted and continues to explore laws & policies that solely benefit property owners to the detriment of renters. If the City wants to ensure Toronto can continue to be a home where all its residents can thrive, advocating for the City to have more control over rental policies and laws must be a priority.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	After talking to residents who rely on OW and ODSP, the greatest concern is that OW and ODSP rates and increases do not keep pace with the rate of inflation. This has made it more difficult for residents to navigate everyday life, especially during this uncertain economic time. The City needs to use its position to advocate to



		the provincial government for increases to OW and ODSP payments that actually reflect the economic needs of recipients.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	As a lawyer, I understand how complicated it is to navigate the legal system. Given this, the City needs to empower its residents to advocate for safe living conditions and fair treatment, especially in a legal and economic system that overly favours landlords and property owners.

Ausma Malik (*incumbent*)

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	



TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	
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Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	Councillor Malik is very proud of her work to strengthen and fund MURA, though will want to make sure any increases are not passed on to tenants through Above-Guideline rent increases.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	Councillor Malik has been very committed to expanding the City's ConnectTO program, and working with other levels of government to make wi-fi less expensive and more accessible. She is grateful for all her work with ACORN and your leadership on this.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Paul Nash

Platform Commitments Made: 10/12



Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	To ensure apartment building owners and operators comply with building maintenance standards.
Universal work order forms	YES	Ensures apartment building owners and operators comply with building maintenance standards.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	To protect tenants.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	To protect tenants.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	To protect tenants.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	To protect tenants.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	Vacant homes are not the primary cause of the affordability crisis.
City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	To help protect Torontonians from large grocers like Loblaws, which have recently been caught price fixing food staples like bread.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	To help protect low-income residents from being exploited by large telecom companies.



Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	To protect Toronto's renters.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	PARTIALLY	Fully advocate for indexing to the rate of inflation, and to increase to the maximum amount feasible (but I cannot at this juncture commit to doubling). To protect and support Toronto's disabled people and low-income earners.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	To protect tenants and ensure access to justice.

Other Ward 10 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Xue Ding, Husain Neemuchwala, Aanchal Vashistha.

No Email Address Provided: Bashar Kassir.

Ward 11 - University-Rosedale Responses

Keenan Courtis

Platform Commitments Made: 11/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	Mostly in agreement but need to learn more about the financial structure before agreeing on fee increase.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	



City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	I am in support of the current pilot. I am in principle pro-expansion, but I want to see the pilot outcome before
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Mike Layton

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	



Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	If it results in less expensive groceries for Toronto families.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	Yes

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	We should do everything we can to educate Toronto tenants of their rights.

Gian Pileri

Platform Commitments Made: 11/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Regular evaluations should include a representative sample of units, with tenant notice and consent. Common-area inspections alone can miss mould, pests, unsafe temperatures and unresolved repairs.
Universal work order forms	YES	A standard, accessible form would give tenants a clear way to document repair requests and create an auditable record. Landlords could keep other channels, but should be required to accept the City form.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	RentSafeTO should protect tenants regardless of building type or work schedule. I support phased expansion, evening and weekend access, and registration fees calibrated to the staffing and enforcement required.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	A safe maximum indoor temperature is a basic health standard. Implementation should be evidence-based, enforceable and paired with retrofit support so costs are not simply passed on to tenants.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Council has already moved toward harmonizing these benefits in 2026. The next step is a simple, well-publicized intake process with sufficient funding so every eligible low-income tenant can obtain safe cooling.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Public, privacy-protected reporting would make the health effects of



		extreme heat visible and help target prevention. Data should be timely and broken down geographically and demographically where reliable.
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Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	I support strengthening the Vacant Homes Tax, extending it to genuinely vacant units in multi-residential buildings where this can be administered fairly, and directing net revenue to MURA. Before setting the rate at 5%, I would review the results of the recent increase to 3%, ensure accurate administration and appropriate exemptions, and prevent costs from being passed on to tenants. The objective should be to return homes to use, not simply collect a larger tax.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	Council approved a four-store pilot in March 2026. I support implementing it promptly, publishing results on prices, access and operating costs, and expanding it where evidence shows it reduces food costs and fills gaps.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	Reliable internet is essential infrastructure. I support building public broadband into new City housing through a phased, accountable model that keeps service affordable, protects privacy and remains publicly controlled.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and	PARTIALLY	I support extending rent control to



vacancy control		every rental unit and implementing vacancy control. I also support major AGI reform: routine maintenance, predictable replacements and work caused by landlord neglect should not be passed on to tenants, and landlords should maintain adequate capital reserves. Rather than a blanket ban, I would retain only a tightly controlled process for genuinely exceptional health, safety or accessibility work, with independent cost verification, tenant hardship protections and automatic rent reductions when approved costs expire.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	I support doubling Ontario Works and ODSP payments through a funded, phased provincial plan, and permanently indexing both programs to inflation. Current rates do not reflect the actual cost of housing, food and other basic needs in Toronto, leaving many recipients at risk of homelessness and worsening health. While these programs are controlled by the Province, I would use my position on Council to advocate consistently for adequate, predictable and dignified income support.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	I support timely, fair LTB hearings with a genuine choice of accessible in-person or remote participation, adequate adjudicator capacity, transparent service standards and expanded legal aid and tenant duty counsel.

Diana Yoon

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Totally. RentSafe often skims the surface of common spaces in rental buildings, and could go deeper to make sure people's actual homes are in good shape and not neglected by landlords. I also used to work at Toronto Community Housing. I've seen firsthand how TCH needs significantly more investment, so tenants are not living in apartments that have major repair and maintenance problems.
Universal work order forms	YES	Awesome idea. Every day, we are speaking with tenants who have struggled to get repairs done by their landlords. I will work with ACORN and the Toronto Tenant Union to help people get issues resolved.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	RentSafeTO needs to be better enforced and expanded (like doubling RentSafeTO by-law officers). Many small apartments under 10 units could also be included in RentSafeTO - it's a great demand to include rental townhouses.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	Climate justice and housing justice go hand in hand. I have been a fierce advocate for the maximum indoor temperature by-law for many, many years - including when I worked at Toronto Environmental Alliance. Now, working in affordable housing, I know that cooling cannot be a luxury. Tenants deserve protection from extreme heat. This is a matter of health



		and safety. It is a disgrace that City Hall didn't implement it this year. I will work to make sure it is implemented in 2027.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Low-income seniors and families have benefitted from the Air Conditioner Assistance Program. We need to make sure these are not standalone programs, but they work well with other funds so that it is more accessible to a greater number of tenants.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	This summer, there were 39 emergency visits from June 30 to July 4. Toronto Public Health needs to better track these injuries and work to educate people on how to stay cool and hydrated. Toronto also needs more cooling centres, especially for our unhoused neighbours; one 24-hr cooling centre in an old house on Spadina is not sufficient.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	100%! This is so needed. In a housing crisis, why are units empty when thousands of people are homeless in Toronto? I deputed on Toronto's budget this year to double funding for the Multi-Unit Residential Acquisition (MURA) program. We need to buy buildings off the private market and turn them into co-op housing and for community land trusts. I've also advocated for this nationally to get the Canada Rental Protection Fund.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	Everyday we see prices go up while wages stay the same. The city has a real opportunity to intervene and use the purchasing power of the city to



		bring grocery costs down.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	Canada has some of the most expensive telecom costs in the western world. The city has a real chance to tie new affordable housing development with public internet that can make life better for everyday people.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Renters deserve stability and security to stay in their homes, not live in risk that the rents will go up 10% a year. Ultimately, I believe in more social, non-profit, and co-op housing to keep housing permanently affordable. That's why I worked to secure \$1.5 billion in federal funding to build new co-op homes across the country.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	The current rates of ODSP and OW cannot even cover the cost of a one bedroom apartment in Toronto. We know that secure housing is what sets the foundation for stability. These rates must be doubled and indexed.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	Yes, as a member of the Toronto Tenant Union I see how real reforms are needed at the LTB to make it accessible for all. Nobody should have to pay out of pocket for representation if their landlord attempts to evict them.

Other Ward 11 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Terri Hawkes, Karina Lemke, Alice Li.

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Paul Viret.



No Email Address Provided: Lieu Huy.

Ward 12 - Toronto-St. Paul's Responses

David Cottrell

Platform Commitments Made: 9/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	PARTIALLY	Tenants should be protected from dangerously high indoor temperatures, particularly during summer heat waves, and I support a reasonable maximum-temperature standard during periods of extreme heat. However, I am not convinced that a blanket 26°C cap should apply year-round. Any new standard should account for seasonal conditions, older building systems, implementation costs and what landlords can reasonably control. The goal should be protecting tenants from unsafe heat, not creating an inflexible regulation that applies even when extreme heat is not an issue.



Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	PARTIALLY	I support consolidating overlapping air-conditioning assistance programs so residents have one clear and efficient way to access support. I also support expanding assistance to low-income tenants who are particularly vulnerable to extreme heat. However, I would not automatically provide publicly funded air conditioners to every low-income tenant regardless of need. Eligibility should prioritize vulnerable residents and households without adequate cooling, while ensuring the program remains financially sustainable.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Publicly reporting anonymized, aggregate data on heat-related emergency room visits would help residents and policymakers understand the health impacts of extreme heat and evaluate whether City programs are working. The reporting should protect patient privacy and clearly explain the limits of the data.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	I support exploring a limited pilot in neighbourhoods where residents lack reasonable access to affordable groceries, but I would not support building a large City-run grocery chain without evidence that the model works. Grocery retail involves complex purchasing, distribution, inventory management, staffing and logistics that established operators already specialize in. I would rather see the



		City test the concept, measure whether it actually reduces grocery bills, and work with experienced operators, non-profits and existing food programs before committing substantial public money to expansion.
Municipally-owned broadband network	NO	I support ensuring that residents of City housing have access to affordable, reliable high-speed internet, but I do not believe Toronto needs to become an internet service provider to accomplish that. Building and operating a telecommunications network would require substantial capital, specialized expertise, ongoing maintenance, cybersecurity, customer support and infrastructure management that existing providers already have in place. The City should focus on negotiating affordable service, increasing competition and ensuring new housing is broadband-ready rather than duplicating an industry that already

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	PARTIALLY	Social assistance rates should be reviewed and increased where they are no longer sufficient to meet basic living costs, and I support indexing assistance to inflation so its purchasing power does not continually erode.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	



Other Ward 12 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Ahmed Kamal, Josh Matlow (incumbent), Mina Nadimi.

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Jenny Kalimbet.

No Email Address Provided: Bob Murphy.

Ward 13 - Toronto Centre Responses

Tom Cai

Platform Commitments Made: 10.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	I would like to raise the Vacant Homes Tax to 25%, and as such the tax becomes a disincentivization tax



		instead of a revenue tax, which forces landlords and developers to sell or rent at consumer-preferred prices. This means that there will be no revenue collected, but that also means there will be zero vacant units in Toronto.
City-run municipal grocery stores	NO	I prefer city support and subsidization of food banks and local co-ops instead of a city-run grocery store program.
Municipally-owned broadband network	NO	To establish a municipally-owned broadband network with what Canada currently has in terms of infrastructure is practically impossible. I support using that budget to provide tax credits and rebates to low-income communities' internet bills.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	And for small businesses too!

Victoria Davis

Platform Commitments Made: 9.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections	YES	If given consent by tenants. I am



during biennial evaluations		aware of building owners and landlords neglecting their duties to keep units safe.
Universal work order forms	YES	When landlords make this only available through an app, it excludes tenants who do not have digital devices. It can create confusion after moving for cognitive impairment.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	I would like to include more spaces and look at the cost of the expansion.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	It feels unethical to have buildings with set temperatures higher than this. It is also wasteful.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Excessive heat will lead to more hospital visits and possible death. I would also like to expand this to buildings having a designated space (such as a laundry room, hallway, or office) set to 25°C for heat emergencies.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Statistics are needed as the climate crisis expands.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	I have an interest in higher taxation for vacant homes. I would expand the MURA project, and include more support for it.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	Absolutely, food security is a basic human need to exist and should be affordable for everyone.



Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	If it were a choice between this and the TTC, I would choose the TTC as it would support more unhoused and low-income people.
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Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	?	This situation affects me personally. I will have to acknowledge my limitation of jurisdiction at this time when it comes to the Provincial Government. I am currently employed through a provincial grant.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	?	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	?	

Morgan Harris

Platform Commitments Made: 4.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	NO	It should be up to tenant.
Universal work order forms	PARTIALLY	Depends on how it is implemented. Without adequate enforcement system of work orders is of questionable benefit. I have lived in building with outstanding work orders - not enforced etc, in the past.



Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	I would rather see city enforce building fire and other regulations it already has powers of enforcement.
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Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	NO	Too difficult to implement across all rental apartments. Would require retro-fitting a lot of old stock buildings. Rather find ways to fund building retro-fits for HVAC where required.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	PARTIALLY	Not familiar with the benefits.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	PARTIALLY	First I would want to determine key data like heat-related deaths.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	I have doubts about effectiveness of this policy. Rather go after financialized properties intended for short-term rentals (AirBnB condos or ghost hotels) those developments use public funding through CMHC etc. to build 'homes' that are effectively commercial etc.
City-run municipal grocery stores	NO	Rather give the cash to those in need. The city is not competent to run such a business.
Municipally-owned broadband network	NO	But willing to fund and broaden low-cost internet for all low income families across any service providers.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
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Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	NO	This might threaten private investment in rental housing which is needed along with public investment. If a landlord renovates or capital repairs by necessity they should have a right to recover duly amortized costs. That is if said costs are covered by insurance or government energy rebates etc.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	PARTIALLY	I would rather see rates that are above the poverty line. Not tied to specific amounts. Double would not be enough in some cases.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	Yes to legal aid for tenants. No to in person hearings (save money using remote tech).

Walied Kogali Ali

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	It is imperative that RentSafeTO can gather comprehensive, in-unit data to ensure that their reports are accurate.
Universal work order forms	YES	Landlords must be held responsible to making the necessary repairs, and making the service process easier for tenants is a crucial part of that.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	The quality of all rental buildings in Toronto must be held to a high standard, and tenants should be accommodated as much as possible.



Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	As Toronto becomes warmer, the need has arisen for new policies that protect tenants' health.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	The City has a responsibility to ensure that the health of all tenants, particularly low-income residents, is safeguarded.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	By having all the requisite data regarding heat-related public health issues, the city can most accurately design policies to address that issue.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	The housing crisis in Toronto must be addressed through a swathe of measures, and a significant part of that is ensuring that we have no vacant units when they can be used to house our neighbours.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	City-run grocery stores can provide a great viable alternative when private grocery store prices are prohibitively expensive.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	Network connectivity is a need for many people's work and school, and providing it through the City would help take power away from telecom monopolies.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and	YES	Keeping rents low is a core tenet of my



vacancy control		platform; I believe that every Torontonians should be able to access good-quality rental housing in the city at an affordable rate, and rent control would go a long way towards achieving that.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	The current provisions from OW and ODSP make it very difficult for an individual to live comfortably, and they are negatively affected by high inflation. This initiative would be very helpful in addressing that gap.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	The LTB in its current state results in many tenants having their cases not properly heard or adjudicated. It is crucial that every tenant has access to the necessary legal services when taking a case to court. We should also document evictions and coordinate that with the City as well as social housing providers like Toronto Community Housing. We identified a gap through the Empowered Tenants Project, an initiative of the Regent Park Neighbourhood Association, of evictions from social housing that were not being recorded and shared with stakeholders such as the City and TCHC. Through an evidence-based approach, we can ensure tenants have the protection they deserve so we achieve a zero evictions rate.

Norman MacLeod

Platform Commitments Made: 11.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
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In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Elimination of pests and building upkeep.
Universal work order forms	YES	Apart from abuse, pressure is required to fix.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	Common sense.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	Healthy residents are cost efficient
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Healthy residents are cost efficient
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	A simple measuring tool

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	Also help landlords remove bad tenants for good.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	Real perishable fruits, veggies, herbs, juicing program. Health.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	Transparent equal info.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Inflation must not be the cost of raising house pricing.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to	PARTIALLY	Partially – increase by 50%; expand lifestyle [...] increase to inflation.



inflation		Money is required to be released in ways not to cause inflation.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	We need a system landlords are comfortable to rent property.

Chris Moise (*incumbent*)

Platform Commitments Made: 11.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	I was one of the Councillor's pushing for this during this past term and have already voted for the bylaw. I will continue to push until the bylaw is a reality. MLS is not delivering this fast enough, despite council direction to bring forward a bylaw by this past summer.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	I have already voted in favour of this program as well as the recent expansion. I will continue to support its expansion.



TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	PARTIALLY	This data is not currently accessible by Toronto Public Health. I can commit to making the request of the province to provide us with that data.
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Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	I support this and will also propose a vacant land tax. There are too many properties sitting empty that are not captured under the vacant home tax.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	I have already supported this at City Council and will continue to.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	I have already supported multiple requests made by City Council to the province. I have also helped to ensure that city-funded projects have a rent-controlled component, especially housing being built on city-owned land.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	I have already supported requests made by City Council to the province and will continue to do so.

Curran Stikuts

Platform Commitments Made: 9.5 / 12



Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Having the ability to do in-unit inspections is vital to see the actual lived in conditions of the building that tenants are facing, especially issues that are often more common within units such as pests, mould, and inadequate heat.
Universal work order forms	YES	Requesting work should be an easy to understand process. Tenants shouldn't have to jump through endless administrative hoops to get the support they need.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	RentSafe is only as good as is enforcement. I am in support of hiring more inspectors and widening its scope.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	The climate crises will only make heat-related issues worse. We need to act now in order to save lives and ensure that our housing stock remains livable.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	PARTIALLY	I am in favour of merging the Air Conditioner Assistance program with the Hardship Fund and ODSP/OW benefit. While providing air conditioners is an important interim step, we need to also prioritize making investments in building retrofits to ensure more sustainable, long-term solutions.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	We can't manage what we don't measure. I am in favour of directing TPH to report on heat-related



		emergency room visits.
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Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	I am in favour of a graduated vacant home tax based on the assessed value of the home, as well as exploring other taxation options such a second home tax. I am in favour of expanding the MURA program to help ensure housing stability.
City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	I am in favour of implementing and testing the current proposed model, and using information from that to determine its effectiveness in addressing food security and affordability.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	I support the goal of universal, affordable internet access, but I am not convinced that Toronto should take on the cost and complexity of building and operating an entirely new municipal broadband network. I would focus City resources on other ways to get to the goal of making sure low-income residents can get online. That includes fibre-ready City housing, bulk purchasing of low-cost internet, expanded free public Wi-Fi and making affordable internet available as a basic service in affordable housing buildings, funding it as part of regular building operations.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Rent control is fundamental to ensuring stable housing and that



		Toronto is a place where people can afford to live. Renters deserve the same basic security in their homes regardless of when their building was constructed or when they moved in. I'll use every tool available at City Hall and push the province for stronger protections that keep people housed and stop rents from being driven up through loopholes.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	OW/ODSP rates have fallen far behind the realities of what it costs to live in Toronto. I am in favour of advocating for doubling OW/ODSP rates and indexing them to inflation.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	A justice system only works when people can actually access it and get a fair hearing without unreasonable delays. Tenants should also have meaningful access to legal support, while the City should actively support tenant unions, double the Rent Bank, and properly fund organizations that help renters defend their rights.

Daniel Tate

Platform Commitments Made: 3.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	PARTIALLY	I would explore it - but would be immediately concerned about potentially astronomical costs in order to inspect upwards of 270,000 purpose-built rental units in Toronto. In-unit inspections should be done on an ad-hoc basis when problem landlords become known to the City



		via RentSafe or other inspection mechanisms.
Universal work order forms	NO	We need a neutral arbiter of valid work requests to ensure neither landlords or tenants are making bad faith work order requests. By forcing landlords to accept any work order submitted by a tenant make the system prone to dishonest work orders. The City through MLS, RentSafe or other parties should be vet those work orders before being rubberstamped.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	I would consider this, but would want to first understand if there are endemic issues with rental townhomes falling into disrepair. We should invest where the problems exist.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	PARTIALLY	Nobody should live in stifling heat, and we know it is inhumane and dangerous. I would work with the City to do everything in my power to ensure landlords are not letting tenants live in saunas – especially vulnerable seniors.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	PARTIALLY	We need to understand the costs of this proposed problem, but I would generally be in favour of any rebates or other assistance programs that can help people live in cooler temperatures. It's a matter of public health.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Understanding the true impact of heat-related medical events that occur in an apartment would be valuable information to help frame tenant policy.



Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	NO	I am not in favour of raising the vacant home tax.
City-run municipal grocery stores	NO	Until the City can prove without a doubt that they could run a grocery store more efficiently than the private sector, and demonstrate clearly that they could lower prices, I am not in favour of govt-run grocery stores. Their history of failure is well-known.
Municipally-owned broadband network	NO	We can work with ISPs who are already skilled in this technology and have the know-how to create a network like this. The City does not have the capacity to do this, but we can work with other providers to see what kind of broadband discounts could be acquired for large blocs of tenants. But every unit, whether social housing or not, but be internet-ready. That is a human right.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	PARTIALLY	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	?	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	?	

Nicki Ward

Platform Commitments Made: 10/12



Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Co Op state of good repair not good - Elevator, common area etc. fall thru cracks.
Universal work order forms	YES	No arguments from bad landlords/TCHC/Co ops about improper form. City of Toronto service is VERY inconsistent.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	For a “universal” standard to be meaningful it must NOT exclude building types or ownership types

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	People (Older and vulnerable) are dying or getting sick because of dangerous heat levels that can soar above 26.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	A/C is not a “luxury” its a life sustaining need.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Also to show intersection of income and age. So that they stop making excuses.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	and I would go further Zero discounts for “vacant” homes. They use just as many city resources as full ones. Turning empty investment “units” onto the market as “homes”
City-run municipal grocery stores	?	Co op food stores are better - Use city resources to help establish. Per



		UK Model
Municipally-owned broadband network	?	Co op services are better - Same as above

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	This allows aging in place, mixed income, housing stability.....
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	I am an equity seeking candidate with disabilities. Poor and underfed people get sick.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	Landlords (esp HSA landlords) walking all over vulnerable people

Other Ward 13 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Joe Cadeau.

No Email Address Provided: Marshall Cleveland.



Ward 14 - Toronto-Danforth Responses

Endorsed by the East York ACORN Political Action Committee: Sara Ehrhardt

Susan Chapelle

Platform Commitments Made: 8.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Support stronger proactive enforcement. In-unit inspections should be incorporated in a way that protects tenant privacy and focuses enforcement on actual housing standards.
Universal work order forms	YES	A standardized, documented service-request process would improve accountability for tenants and landlords and create a clear record when enforcement is required.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	I support expanding enforcement capacity, including access outside standard business hours. Any expansion and fee increase should be tied to demonstrated need, service standards and the staffing required to deliver them.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	PARTIALLY	I support a health-based maximum indoor temperature standard and strong heat protections. The bylaw should be designed around periods of



		heat risk rather than an inflexible year-round requirement.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Low-income tenants should not be placed at increased health risk because they cannot afford cooling. Programs should be coordinated so eligible residents can access assistance through one clear system.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Public reporting is essential. Heat-related health data should be used to identify neighbourhood risks, evaluate interventions and plan services.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	I support strengthening the Vacant Homes Tax and directing housing-related revenue toward preserving affordable rental housing. Expansion to multi-residential buildings must be administratively workable and include appropriate exemptions for legitimate turnover and major repairs.
City-run municipal grocery stores	NO	I support investing in local and community-led food initiatives, including food banks, non-profit food programs, community markets and partnerships with existing grocers to provide targeted food credits. I would prioritize getting affordable food directly to residents rather than creating a new municipally operated grocery system.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	Affordable high-speed internet is essential infrastructure, particularly in City housing. I support ensuring connectivity in new City housing and examining public infrastructure and partnership models, but would require



		a business case before committing the City to owning and operating a broadband network.
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Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	PARTIALLY	I support advocating for rent control on all rental units and stronger protections against displacement. I do not support a blanket ban on every AGI where legitimate major capital work is required; the system should prevent abuse while ensuring necessary building renewal can occur.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	Inadequate social assistance contributes directly to housing instability, food insecurity and pressure on municipal services. I support advocating for substantially higher OW and ODSP rates and inflation indexing.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	The LTB must be timely, accessible and fair. I support reform, meaningful access to in-person hearings where needed, and stronger access to legal assistance for tenants.

Sara Ehrhardt

Endorsed by the East York ACORN Political Action Committee

Platform Commitments Made: 11/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial	YES	Provided tenant rights are respected.



evaluations		
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	The program is an important way that the City can help tenants in the short term and has proven popular and successful with recipients. I will support its expansion.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	I support raising the rate of the Vacant Homes Tax to further discourage landlords from leaving units vacant. However, without changes by the Province on AGI rent increases, I am concerned that the expansion to multi-unit residential buildings could lead to other tenants in the building being vulnerable to an AGI application. If that can be avoided or if the Province changes the AGI rules I would support expanding to multi-residential rental units.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	City-run or supported grocery stores could be an important measure to help with rising food prices amidst the



		affordability crisis, and as Canada deals with the impact of Trump's Tariffs.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	I support the accelerating the expansion of ConnectTO to more places, including expanding to city built housing and additional TCHC units. However due to the decisions of former Mayors and previous Council's not to pursue a municipally owned broadband network or to sell off the City's physical broadband and fibre assets (a decision I would have opposed had I been a Councillor at that time) I am unsure if it is possible to create a municipally owned broadband network. If the Federal government was open to collaborating with the City that would likely make it significantly easier, and I would support opening discussions with them.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

George Fawcett

Platform Commitments Made: 10.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	Yes, the size and scope of the program should be significantly expanded; however, the costs of that expansion should be covered by higher fines to negligent landlords, not via increased registration fees.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	Yes, and this should be included in RentSafe inspections to ensure that it is enforced. However, we should allow some grace in terms of fines for a period of 1-2 years for landlords who are clearly making an effort in older buildings to achieve this target.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	Not quite yet, but in the future I would be open to a staggered increase. Before that, I think we should allow a little more time to understand how effective the program is at its current



		rates, particularly given the fact that it has largely existed during relatively soft real estate market conditions.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	I believe in a city-wide network that is reliable and subsidized (or free). My only disagreement is in terms of the technology – I believe the future of internet will be satellite-based (ie: Starlink or hopefully a Canadian-owned alternative). This would be a much more practical and efficient way for a city, province, or country to provide internet to its residents.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	I believe very strongly in this, and have personally organized and fought against AGIs, which unfairly makes tenants foot the bill for property renovations which benefit the landlord via increased property value and increased rent to future tenants.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	PARTIALLY	I support staggered increases to eventually achieve this goal, as well as separate increases pegged to inflation.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Dianne Saxe

Platform Commitments Made: 8/12



Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	If the city has the legal power to do this, if the affected tenant consents, and if the mayor provides the necessary budget.
Universal work order forms	YES	If the city has the legal power to do this.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	Yes to increasing capacity to allow evenings/ weekend inspections to accommodate tenants, and to modest registration fee increases to pay for this. Need more information about the impacts on small landlords and affordable housing of doubling the scope of the program.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	I have consistently supported working towards a maximum indoor temperature bylaw, see my supportive speech and vote on. Provincial government should bring back Green Building Standards and Green Roof bylaw which create naturally cooler and more comfortable buildings. Now awaiting the staff report in response to Council's direction.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	?	The provincial government should provide access to life-saving cooling for all low-income tenants, especially in units that are known to overheat. They should also require gas stoves in these units to be replaced with cooler, precision-cooking induction stoves.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	If TPH has the legal power to do this.



Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	Agree that it should apply to vacant units in multi-residential apartment buildings, especially if large parts of a building are vacant. New revenue should go to MURA and/or to expanding RentSafeTO. Would need to understand the impact of a further rate increase.
City-run municipal grocery stores	?	Waiting for staff report on whether this can be done cost-effectively and whether it would provide more affordable food where it is needed most. May do more good to support an alternative food distribution network for independent retailers, and/or more programs that reduce/ redirect food waste and/or food literacy/cooking programs.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	I have already provided free broadband WIFI in public spaces of TCHC buildings in Ward 11, and agree that this should be provided in all Toronto TCHC Buildings. I'm told that it is illegal under federal law for the city to provide direct connections to individual units and so I'm doing everything I can to provide free broadband wifi.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	PARTIALLY	Vacancy control is essential. The current system incents landlords to force out long-standing tenants by fair means or foul. Often foul. Appropriate scope, design and impacts of rent



		control (residential and arguably small retail) is not simple and needs careful review.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Devyn Stackhouse

Platform Commitments Made: 8/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	PARTIALLY	With occupant's consent
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	NO	Insufficient supporting estimates provided.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	



Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	Ear-marking as a budget practice is relatively inefficient, but it's politically popular. I like the enforcement activities and program funding separately, but not contingent.
City-run municipal grocery stores	NO	Insufficient supporting estimates provided.
Municipally-owned broadband network	NO	The internet is the natural extension of the right to free speech. I'm an ardent supporter of nationalised ISP, not a public option, and not at the lowest level of government.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	Pass the DUBI 😊 (dignified universal basic income ;)
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Jason Stevens

Platform Commitments Made: 8/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections	YES	



during biennial evaluations		
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	?	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	?	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	?	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	?	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	



Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	
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Denise Walcott

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Regular in-unit inspections would help identify problems that common-area inspections can miss. Inspections should be risk-based, respectful of tenants' privacy and supported by adequate staffing and follow-up enforcement.
Universal work order forms	YES	A standard, accessible work-order form would give tenants a clear record of requests and help the City track unresolved repairs. It should be available in print, online, accessible and multilingual formats.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	I support expanding RentSafeTO coverage and evening and weekend capacity. Registration fees should be structured fairly, with revenue dedicated to inspectors, enforcement and timely resolution of tenant complaints.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	I support a health-based 26 C maximum indoor temperature standard that applies year-round. Implementation should be phased,



		enforceable and paired with retrofit assistance and protections against cooling or compliance costs being passed on to tenants.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	I support expanding and simplifying cooling assistance for low-income tenants. Programs should be coordinated to reduce duplication and include help with equipment, safe installation and electricity costs.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Public reporting would help identify heat-related risks and guide prevention. Reporting must protect personal health information and clearly explain data limitations and trends.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	I support strengthening the Vacant Home Tax and directing additional revenue toward preserving affordable rental housing through MURA. Expansion should include clear definitions, reliable data, fair appeals and strong enforcement.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	I support developing a transparent, costed City-led grocery pilot in underserved low-income neighbourhoods, followed by expansion if it demonstrably lowers food costs and is financially sustainable. The design should involve residents and complement local independent and community food providers.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	I support a phased, costed municipal broadband plan beginning with new City housing and using existing public fibre and infrastructure where practical. Affordability, service quality, capital



		costs, governance and long-term financial sustainability must be publicly evaluated.
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Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Ontario, not Toronto City Council, controls rent regulation through the Residential Tenancies Act. I will not claim that one councillor can enact these changes. I would use motions, Council advocacy and intergovernmental meetings to press Ontario for rent control on all units, vacancy control and an end to AGIs, while using City tools to protect affordable rental housing and support tenants.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	Ontario sets OW and ODSP rates. I would advocate through Council and directly with the Province for substantially higher, inflation-indexed benefits that reflect Toronto's actual housing and living costs.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	The Landlord and Tenant Board and legal aid are provincial responsibilities. I would advocate for timely and accessible hearings, meaningful in-person options, expanded tenant legal support and transparent performance reporting.

Other Ward 14 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Robb Dagenais, John Kladitis.

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Maqsood Ahmad, Mary Fragedakis, Michael Mitchell, Caryma Sa'd, Christiane Tetreault, Maria Voutsinas.



No Email Address Provided: Michael Connor, Dennis Corcoran, Peter De Marco.

Ward 15 - Don Valley West Responses

Rachel Chernos Lin (*incumbent*)

Platform Commitments Made: 7.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	In-unit inspections should only be carried out with consent of tenants, but evaluating in-unit conditions is essential to understanding the overall condition of apartment buildings.
Universal work order forms	PARTIALLY	In concept yes, but the details on how this would be achieved and how landlords would be compelled to accept them as service requests need to be ironed out. Theoretically, having an easily accessible, standardized template would be a positive development.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	RentSafeTO should have expanded capacity for inspections, and should be in place for a wider range of tenanted building and unit types. However, any increase to registration fees should be carefully considered to avoid any costs being passed on to tenants.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	I voted in favour of a maximum indoor temperature by-law as an important step forward to address extreme heat



		events that are becoming more common as a result of climate change. However, it is important that the cost of retrofits needed in order to achieve compliance don't get passed down to tenants.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Some elements of this question are outside of the jurisdiction of the City - such as mergers with provincially managed funds such as the ODSP/OW AC benefit. However, this is a potentially life saving program and those in need should be able to access it.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	I support the use of the Vacant Homes Tax as a measure to encourage the reintroduction of vacant properties into the market. However, decisions about the allocation of funds raised should go through a proper budgeting process.
City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	City Council has already committed to looking into this on a pilot basis. It is too early to say whether the model works, and whether it is the most effective way to address food insecurity - though I do support measures to ensure low-income neighbourhoods do not become food deserts and have access to affordable food.
Municipally-owned broadband network	NO	The City operates with a tight budget, and spending must be prioritized. Access to internet is essential and I am open to options to provide that access



		to people in need, but this is not an area of expertise for the City.
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Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	PARTIALLY	I support measures to prevent exorbitant rent increases, such as rent control. Tenants should not be concerned that they will be arbitrarily priced out of their homes. While City Council can advocate, it is most effective for the City to pursue measures under its jurisdiction, like the recently-introduced renoviction by-law.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	PARTIALLY	OW and ODSP payments are often too low for recipients to rely on for the essentials of food and shelter. Cost of living should be factored into these payments.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	PARTIALLY	While the Landlord and Tenant Board is a provincial body, I support measures to improve the accessibility and fairness of proceedings.

Sheena Sharp

Platform Commitments Made: 8/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	NO	This seems like a huge task. I would like to know if a complaints-based system has more impact than random inspections.
Universal work order	YES	This would help people to make sure



forms		they have all the right information.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	PARTIALLY	I don't understand this one. Is it heating problems in towers with units at the top getting very hot in winter?
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	PARTIALLY	Is this data available and they are not reporting it? Is it easy to categorize?

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	Taxes should relate to the end goal, which is keeping units occupied. I am not sure of the level of tax required to do this. This may be right, may not.
City-run municipal grocery stores	NO	It will not solve the problem of the monopolization of grocery stores, and it will further disadvantage the independents we already have, some of which offer good pricing. The federal government should give the competitions bureau some teeth.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	I would want to see the budget for this.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and	PARTIALLY	I support between-tenant rent control.



vacancy control		But rent control on new buildings will not solve anything because the cost of new buildings can't support affordable rents. It just stops construction as we have seen for 20 years. We need to subsidize new buildings and the purchase of existing buildings and put them in the hands of non-profits. This is, unfortunately, a long-term solution.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	I support fair access.

Other Ward 15 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Denis Tsang.



Ward 16 - Don Valley East Responses

Other Ward 16 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Sinan Erdemir, Didi Moffat, Stacey Moffat.

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Jon Burnside (incumbent).

Ward 17 - Don Valley North Responses

Shelley Carroll (*incumbent*)

Platform Commitments Made: 9.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	



City-run municipal grocery stores	NO	Food affordability is a serious concern, and the City should continue to support programs that help Torontonians access healthy, affordable food. However, I would instead focus on expanding proven food access initiatives, supporting local community programs and working with other orders of government and partners to address food affordability.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	While I don't support the City to operating its own municipal broadband network, we should pursue practical ways to improve affordable connectivity through partnerships with providers and requirements for new City-supported housing where appropriate.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	PARTIALLY	I support advocating for meaningful reforms that protect tenants and prevent displacement, but changes to rent regulation should be developed carefully and as part of a broader approach that also protects and expands the supply of rental housing.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Other Ward 17 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Hassan Mubarak Noor Mohamed, Roy Samathanam, Sabrina Zuniga.



Email Address Not Provided In Time: Jeffery Adamson, Jethro Adir Kavod.

No Email Address Provided: Hong Xiao.

Ward 18 - Willowdale Responses

Hamid Shakeri

Platform Commitments Made: 11/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	Depends on who pays the fee increase, if it is the tenants I am not in favour.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	



City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	PARTIALLY	I want rent control on all corporate landlords but not for people who own one rental unit and that's their income.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Other Ward 18 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Lily Cheng (incumbent), David Magazzinich, Ardeshir Zarezade.

No Email Address Provided: Nicole Daneshvar, Nathan Yusifov.



Ward 19 - Beaches-East York Responses

Endorsed by the East York ACORN Political Action Committee: Jennie Worden

Syeda Jaana Ali

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Residents deserve confidence that building conditions are being properly assessed—not simply through common-area inspections, but by examining the actual living conditions inside units. I would direct RentSafeTO to incorporate in-unit inspections, where appropriate and with proper notice and tenant protections, into its regular biennial building evaluations. This would allow the City to identify issues that may not be visible from common areas, including maintenance deficiencies, water damage, mould, heating and ventilation concerns, pest issues, and other conditions affecting residents' health, safety, and quality of life. The goal is straightforward: building inspections should reflect the reality residents experience in their homes. RentSafeTO should work with tenants and property owners to establish a transparent, consistent, and practical process for conducting these inspections while respecting tenants' privacy and legal rights.
Universal work order forms	YES	The form should: • Be free and easily accessible



		online and in City facilities. • Create a clear record of the repair request and submission date. • Require landlords to accept and acknowledge the request. • Allow tenants to track unresolved maintenance issues and escalate them when necessary.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	Expand the size and scope of RentSafeTO to include rental townhouses and increase inspection capacity during evenings and weekends to better serve tenants who work during regular hours. Increase RentSafeTO registration fees where appropriate to generate additional revenue for hiring more inspectors and expanding enforcement capacity. More properties covered. More inspectors. More accessible service. Stronger accountability.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	This would protect tenants from excessive indoor heat and require landlords to take reasonable measures to maintain safe, comfortable living conditions throughout the year. Tenants deserve a safe and livable home—regardless of the season.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	I support expanding the Air Conditioner Assistance Program to all low-income tenants in Toronto and integrating it with the Hardship Fund and the ODSP/OW AC benefit. The goal should be simple: no low-income tenant should be unable to stay safely cool because they cannot afford air



		conditioning.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Residents deserve timely, transparent information about the health impacts of extreme heat so the City can better target prevention, cooling supports, and emergency response.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	Yes, with safeguards. I support expanding the Vacant Homes Tax to address genuinely long-term vacant units, including vacant units in multi-residential buildings, and directing additional revenue toward the Multi-Unit Residential Acquisition (MURA) program. However, the City should ensure that units undergoing legitimate renovations, repairs, or necessary turnover are not unfairly penalized. The priority should be bringing truly vacant homes back into use and protecting affordable rental housing. Bottom line: Yes—but target the tax at genuinely vacant units, not legitimate building operations.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	Yes, with a targeted approach. I support exploring and expanding City-supported grocery stores or affordable food markets in neighbourhoods where residents lack reasonable access to affordable, nutritious food. The City should prioritize partnerships with community organizations, co-ops, and existing food retailers rather than creating a large municipal grocery operation. Any program should be measured against clear goals for affordability, accessibility,



		and long-term financial sustainability. Bottom line: Yes—put affordable food within reach, but make sure the program is financially responsible and focused on neighbourhoods that need it most.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	With a phased and financially responsible approach. Yes. I support creating a municipally owned broadband network, beginning with all newly built City housing units and expanding to underserved neighbourhoods where affordable, reliable internet is lacking.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Yes. I support stronger rent protections for tenants, including expanding rent control to all rental units and protecting tenants from excessive Above-Guideline Increases (AGIs). I also support vacancy control, while ensuring that responsible landlords have a reasonable framework to maintain and improve rental properties. Toronto needs to protect existing affordable rental housing while also encouraging the creation of supply. Tenants need stability and predictability—not constant fear of unaffordable rent increases.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	Yes. I support significantly increasing Ontario Works and ODSP rates and indexing them to inflation so that people receiving assistance are not left behind as the cost of housing, food, and basic necessities rises. As a City Councillor, I would advocate strongly with the provincial government for



		these increases while expanding Toronto's own affordability and support programs. People should not be forced to choose between paying rent, buying groceries, and meeting basic needs.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	Yes. I support reforming the Landlord and Tenant Board to ensure timely, fair, and accessible hearings, including restoring meaningful access to in-person hearings where appropriate. I also support expanded legal aid and tenant representation, so renters are not forced to navigate complex proceedings without understanding their rights. As a City Councillor, I would advocate strongly to the provincial government for these reforms and strengthen Toronto's tenant-support services. Justice should not depend on whether a tenant can afford a lawyer or navigate a complicated system alone.

James Dann

Platform Commitments Made: 11/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	



Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	Homes yes for sure, apartment buildings should be case-by-case, vacancy taxes for vacant units may be passed on to renters.
City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	We should continue to attack the grocery store monopoly but I worry about the economical viability of this service. There may be better alternatives for city-wide food security.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	



Adam Smith

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Fully. This should already exist.
Universal work order forms	YES	Fully. This should already exist.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	Fully. It's the only equitable way forward.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	This should already exist.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	100%. This should already exist.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Fully agree. This should already exist.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	No, raise it to 10%, and double it every year it's vacant. Fully agree on MURA, we need to expand that program. 5% is not enough, we need to make it so an investor sitting on a property would be stupid not to sell or lower rent. And if they default, the city should scoop up every unit on the cheap and turn it into public housing a la Finland.



City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	With the caveat there must prove to be savings for the consumer. The grocery cartel monopoly in Canada needs real competition.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	I have been in support of ConnectTO since my 2022 campaign. Just like groceries, the TelCo cartel monopoly in Canada needs serious challenge.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	A thousand times YES. We never should have lost those rent controls in the first place (thank you Harris and Ford, and to the Libs for not re-instituting them when given the chance).
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	Yes and yes. If ODSP and the like can't cover cost of living then they are by-definition insufficient.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	The move to online hurt tenants, it's time to get landlords in front of a real hearing again.

Austin Vieira

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	Evaluating only common areas lets landlords hide severe violations like mold and pests. Including units ensures building safety scores reflect real living conditions while protecting



		tenants who fear reporting issues.
Universal work order forms	YES	I support creating a universal, mandatory work order form because a standardized system prevents landlords from rejecting or ignoring valid service requests. Requiring landlords to accept this city-wide form protects tenants by establishing a clear paper trail, simplifying the reporting process, and creating concrete evidence if maintenance issues need to be escalated to RentSafeTO or the Landlord and Tenant Board.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	I support expanding RentSafeTO to townhouses and evening/weekend hours, funded by landlord fees, because all renters deserve equal access to enforcement regardless of housing type or work schedule. This structural growth provides the necessary revenue to hire more inspectors and ensure safe living conditions across Toronto.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	I support enacting a maximum indoor temperature bylaw capping apartment temperatures at 26°C year-round because extreme heat poses severe, life-threatening health risks to tenants. Climate change has made dangerous indoor heat waves a threat outside of summer months, and extending this cap year-round ensures landlords cannot switch off building-wide cooling systems prematurely while tenants remain trapped in unsafe living conditions.
Expand Air Conditioner	YES	I support expanding the Air Conditioner



Assistance Program		Assistance Program to all low-income tenants and merging it with the Hardship Fund and provincial ODSP/OW benefits to eliminate the confusing, bureaucratic silos that prevent vulnerable residents from accessing life-saving cooling. Streamlining these fragmented systems into a single, comprehensive program ensures that low-income renters can secure efficient air conditioning quickly and equitably, without getting lost in administrative red tape.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	I support directing Toronto Public Health to publicly report on heat-related emergency room visits because transparent, real-time data is critical for tracking the true impact of extreme indoor heat on residents. Publishing these medical statistics holds the city and landlords accountable, exposing the human cost of inadequate cooling infrastructure and justifying urgent policy interventions like maximum temperature caps.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	I support expanding the Vacant Homes Tax to 5% and applying it to vacant units within multi-residential buildings to disincentivize corporate landlords from intentionally withholding housing from the market. Directing this new tax revenue straight into the Multi-Unit Residential Acquisition program creates a self-funding mechanism that allows the city to purchase and preserve affordable rental properties, converting speculative vacancies into



		permanently affordable homes.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	I support implementing a city-run grocery store program in low-income neighbourhoods to directly combat food insecurity and corporate price-gouging by providing affordable food options where traditional retailers fail. Using public infrastructure to distribute groceries ensures that access to healthy food is treated as a vital public service rather than a profit-driven luxury, bringing much-needed financial relief to marginalized communities.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	I support creating and operating a municipally-owned broadband network that connects to all newly built city housing units because internet access is an essential public utility, not a corporate luxury. Building public digital infrastructure ensures that residents of new affordable housing have immediate, high-speed, and low-cost connectivity, eliminating the digital divide and freeing low-income tenants from the high prices of private telecom monopolies.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	I support advocating loudly and at every opportunity for full rent control—including capping all units, banning Above-Guideline Increases (AGIs), and implementing vacancy control—to permanently stop predatory rent hikes between tenants and stabilize Toronto's housing market. Eliminating these corporate loopholes removes the financial incentive for landlords to evict long-term tenants,



		protecting families from displacement and treating housing as a fundamental human right.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	I support advocating for doubled Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program payments, indexed to inflation, because current social assistance rates trap disabled and low-income residents in severe poverty. Forcing people to survive on legislated starvation wages during an ongoing cost-of-living crisis is a human rights failure, and doubling these rates is the absolute minimum required to ensure everyone can afford food, shelter, and basic human dignity.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	I support advocating for comprehensive Landlord and Tenant Board reform, including the return of mandatory in-person hearings and expanded access to legal aid to restore fairness and due process to a system currently stacked against tenants. Moving the board entirely online has created severe digital barriers for vulnerable renters while speeding up evictions, making it vital to fund proper legal representation and provide physical access so tenants can meaningfully defend their homes.

Jeff Wahl

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial	YES	I grew up in run down apartments. Overrun with roaches and mice.



evaluations		Appliances not working. Unacceptable.
Universal work order forms	YES	See above. Further, I've dealt with negligent landlords who skirt responsibility. I've had to fight predatory landlords who tried to take advantage of my neighbours. Many of them pensioners
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	To do otherwise will put seniors and children in significant danger
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	See above
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	Expand to condos as well. 22000 vacant units currently.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	Food Insecurity is growing at alarming rates, meanwhile the Grocery giants are showing record profits.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	This increases accessibility to resources for all who need it

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and	YES	Housing is a Human Right. Period.



vacancy control		
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	Current benefits do not cover even the most basic of needs.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	No hearing should be allowed with free and competent Legal Aid representation.

Jennie Worden

Endorsed by the East York ACORN Political Action Committee

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	100%. Tenants deserve well maintained living spaces – people don't live in laundry rooms or lobbies, they live in their units, which should be kept in good repair and free of mould and pests.
Universal work order forms	YES	A universal work order allows tenants to clearly explain what needs doing, and landlords to track problems. Should inspections or remedial action become necessary, it also allows RentSafe officials to easily understand the complaints.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	A significant gap in RentSafeTO is its failure to support tenants in smaller buildings, townhomes, and stand-alone units or subdivided homes and rooming houses. All tenants deserve safe, well maintained homes.



Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	People should be able to live comfortably in their homes. The nature of many buildings means that indoor temperatures rise even outside the hottest months, and tenants need regulatory support to ensure that their living spaces are live-able.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	Tenants should not bear the financial burden of ensuring that their homes are adequately cooled. With increasing temperatures as a result of climate change, the City needs to ensure that low-income residents have adequate in-home cooling.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	We can't make good policy without good data.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	If housing is sitting vacant, then landlords should either reimburse the city for the lost housing opportunity or offload their excess property to someone who will use it.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	Food, like housing, is a human right. It only makes sense to provide an alternative to the profit-driven model that has served us so poorly.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
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Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Where possible, the City should create by-laws that address the significant gaps in provincial tenant protections. We must also advocate loudly and relentlessly for a better deal for tenants.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	It is shameful that we consign our most vulnerable neighbours to a completely unsustainable financial model. ODSP and OW must be indexed to inflation to allow people to meet their basic needs.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Other Ward 19 Councillor Candidates

No Response Received: Nate Erskine-Smith, Natalie Johnson, Kevin Morrison, Devin Wilkins.

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Mohammad Shabani.

No Email Address Provided: Fatima Ibrahimi, Karsten Riedel.

Ward 20 - Scarborough Southwest Responses

Parthi Kandavel

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	In April 2024, I voted YES to adopt PH11.8, RentSafeTO Program Update Report. Council specifically directed Municipal Licensing and Standards to review in-unit inspections - including tenant-engagement measures and the number of inspections completed - and to examine direct door-to-door tenant engagement. It also strengthened audit and targeted-engagement fees and enforcement timelines. ACORN's proposal would turn that direction into a regular standard by making in-unit inspections part of biennial evaluations.
Universal work order forms	YES	Toronto already requires RentSafeTO landlords to have a process to receive and track tenant service requests, respond within 24 hours to urgent requests and within seven days to non-urgent requests, and the City publishes a multilingual service-request form as a guide. In April 2026, I voted YES on PH29.4, RentSafeTO Update, including a direction to clarify how tenants can submit service requests during audits and targeted engagement. Requiring every landlord to accept the same City form would standardize and strengthen



		an existing obligation.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	My record supports both stronger enforcement capacity and broader coverage. In PH11.8, RentSafeTO Program Update Report (2024), I voted for a full-cost-recovery enforcement model, including a \$2,900 building-audit fee, a \$2,900 targeted-engagement fee and hourly remedial-action inspection fees. In PH29.4, RentSafeTO Update (2026), I voted to review the definition of 'Apartment Building,' including 'purpose-built' and whether mixed-tenure buildings should be included. The townhouse and evening/weekend provisions are new, but follow those same principles of broader coverage and properly funded enforcement.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	In June 2026, I voted YES on the amendment to CC42.12, Follow Up on 2026.EX31.2: Framework for Implementing a Maximum Indoor Temperature By-law. It specifically reiterated Toronto's request that Ontario establish a maximum temperature of 26 C for rental units and add cooling to the definition of a vital service. ACORN's year-round formulation goes further than the City's current seasonal rules, but the 26 C tenant-protection standard itself is one I have already voted to advance.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	In May 2026, I voted YES to adopt EX31.2, Standardizing the Air Conditioner Benefit (Pilot). Council added \$1.06 million



		and directed the City to standardize, where appropriate, access to portable air conditioners across the City's Air Conditioner Assistance Program, Hardship Fund and Ontario Works/ODSP discretionary benefit - the same streams identified in this survey. Extending eligibility to all low-income tenants would broaden and complete work I have already supported.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Toronto Public Health is already moving toward this kind of reporting. In HL26.5, Planning for Climate Change Monitoring to Understand Health Impacts and Support Resilience in Toronto (2025), the Board of Health directed a public monitoring dashboard and, where possible, reporting of heat-related emergency-department visits separated by indoor and outdoor exposure. That was a Board of Health decision, not a Council vote by me. I have supported the related 26 C standard (CC42.12) and expanded AC assistance (EX31.2), and I support making heat-related ER data clear, public and regular.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	In October 2024, I voted against motions to cancel or pause the Vacant Home Tax in EX17.4, Redesigning the Vacant Home Tax Program and Supporting Housing Supply. The City's report for that item identifies MURA as one of the housing-supply programs supported by Vacant Home Tax revenue. In June 2024, I voted YES on PH13.9, Community Housing Sector



		Modernization and Growth Strategy, which expanded MURA and authorized incentives for up to 500 affordable or co-op acquisition units annually, to a maximum of 1,500 through 2027. A 5% rate and extension to multi-residential vacancies are new measures, but they build directly on tools I have supported.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	This closely matches an existing vote. In March 2026, I voted YES on MM39.27, Grocery Store Pilot Project. Council established a pilot for four municipally operated grocery stores - one in each Community Council district - prioritizing lower-income neighbourhoods with limited access to full-service grocery stores and using a City not-for-profit model with the goal of the most affordable food pricing possible. I support implementing that pilot and expanding the model where the evidence shows it improves food access and affordability.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	In July 2025, I voted YES on an amendment to EX25.14, ConnectTO Program Update, directing staff to study city-run kiosks offering free public Wi-Fi. The broader item focused on closing Toronto's digital divide and improving affordable access to in-home internet; ConnectTO had already expanded public Wi-Fi with a focus on Neighbourhood Improvement Areas and Emerging Neighbourhoods. ACORN's municipally owned broadband connection in every new City housing project is a stronger ownership model than that vote, but it advances the same principle that affordable internet is essential infrastructure. I support taking that next step in City-built housing.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	In April 2024, I voted YES on PH11.10, Response to Including New Approval Conditions for Rental Demolition Applications, to ask Ontario to restore rent control to units first occupied after November 15, 2018. In November 2025, I voted YES to adopt EX27.1, Impacts of Provincial Legislation that Weakens Rental Protections. That item explicitly called for vacancy control, post-2018 rent control, and tighter Above-Guideline Increase rules by excluding ordinary repair and maintenance costs from eligible capital expenditures. A complete AGI ban goes further than Council's previous position, and I support advocating for that stronger protection.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	In June 2024, I voted YES to adopt EC13.8, The City's Encampment Approach and Strategy. Among its directions, Council asked Ontario to increase social-assistance rates so recipients can meet basic needs, including Toronto's housing and cost-of-living expenses. In May 2026, I also voted YES on MM41.4, Enabling Shelter Allowance Savings for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness, asking Ontario to let people experiencing homelessness preserve the shelter component of OW/ODSP to help secure housing. Doubling benefits and indexing them to inflation is a more specific commitment than those votes, and I support it.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	In November 2025, I voted YES to adopt EX27.1, Impacts of Provincial Legislation that Weakens Rental Protections. Council specifically asked



		Ontario to give tenants the right to in-person Landlord and Tenant Board hearings to eliminate technological barriers, and to fund enhanced eviction supports including legal aid clinics and City eviction-prevention and housing-stability programs. This ACORN commitment closely matches positions I have already voted to advance.
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Kevin Rupasinghe

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	



Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Other Ward 20 Candidates

No Response Received: Sharmina Nasrin.

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Ariel-Rachel Karokis, Mohammad Ali Reza.

No Email Address Provided: Laikul Choudhury, Naser Kaid, Luigi Lisciandro.

Ward 21 - Scarborough Centre Responses

Taiba Ahmed

Platform Commitments Made: 10.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	I believe that there's no good in having regulation if you don't enforce it. Not just that, but the city should be withholding building permit approvals for developers who repeatedly flaunt the city's safety codes pending additional safety inspections. If we hurt bad developers and landlords where it hurts – then maybe they'll feel more inclined to follow our city's regulations.
Universal work order forms	YES	The effects of climate change are going to get worse and worse. While there isn't as much the city can do to help fix this global issue as much as the province and federal governments can, I believe that the city should do more to help Torontonians cope with rising temperatures. It is not acceptable for tenants in Canada's richest city to live in apartments without air-conditioning when temperatures have started breaking 40 degrees on humidex. Landlords should be legally compelled to complete work orders that are vital to the safety and well being of tenants.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	Renting is renting, no matter the type of building, time of day, or location within the city. You shouldn't be less



		entitled to renter protections just because you live in a townhouse and not an apartment block. Full stop.
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Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	As mentioned already, temperatures will only get higher for the foreseeable future. We must make sure that people are not becoming subject to heat stroke within their own homes! If a developer or landlord cannot provide adequate cooling to their tenants, then they shouldn't be in the business in the first place.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	Data and reporting is one of the biggest gaps in how our city approaches problem solving, not just in housing (look no further than how the TTC measures on-time performance for buses). Therefore, I am in support of ANY measure that gives decision-makers and city staff better data to work with.

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	The Vacant Homes Tax was one of the biggest steps the city has taken in a long time in ensuring housing is distributed equitably, and I commend the current administration for undertaking it. But 3% is a puny amount. At a time where the city is looking for alternative funding sources to better support its various programs



		and strategies (and a continued aversion to raising property taxes), raising the VHT is a no-brainer. Cities around the world which do equitable housing far better than we do all have this in common; Warsaw, Paris, Madrid all charge VHT rates that can climb as high 34% (as is the case in Paris). I do not think it is unreasonable to ask speculators and investors who use our city to park their money to pay just 5% of the property's assessed value because they don't want to use it to do what it was built to do: house people.
City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	I absolutely recognize that one of the biggest issues facing Torontonians, including myself, is the price of groceries at checkout. Canada is dominated by a predatory, monopolistic grocery sector that seeks to extract profit from the working Canadian at every opportunity. But I disagree with the assertion that city-run grocery stores are the only good solution. I want to expand the city's grant programs which support existing locally-owned supermarkets and convenience stores, which already provide competitive prices and local jobs to their communities.
Municipally-owned broadband network	NO	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	



Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	It is absolutely vital to provide more support to the LTB. As the primary body for resolving rental disputes, it is the only real mechanism that exists in Ontario for a tenant to get justice against a bad landlord. In fact, I don't want to wait for the province, to begin with. While the city does not have jurisdiction over the LTB, I want to establish a single City Hall office accountable for tenant complaints and Rental Renovation Licence Bylaw enforcement, modelled on New York City's Office to Protect Tenants. But in general, I will always listen to the concerns of my constituents and use my voice to challenge the province on its regressive housing and rental policies.
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Krissan Veerasingam

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
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26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Other Ward 21 Candidates

No Response Received: Patience Evbagharu, Uthish Ganesh, Stella Kargiannakis, Madura Shanmugaratnam, Michael Thompson (incumbent).

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Bahareh Barahmand, Kumari Nisha, Willie



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No Email Address Provided: Akina Lalla.

Ward 22 - Scarborough-Agincourt Responses

Madhuri Azad

Platform Commitments Made: 10/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	PARTIALLY	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	PARTIALLY	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	PARTIALLY	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	



City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	I will vote on City Council to mandate that a municipally owned broadband network is wired directly into all newly built Toronto Community Housing (TCH) and City-supported non-profit affordable housing units.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Will advocate in favor of this
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	Will advocate in favor of this
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	While LTB is a provincial tribunal, I will advocate in favor of this

Aaron Lal

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	



Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Dan Lovell

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12



Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	No slums in Toronto! No slumlords in Toronto!
Universal work order forms	YES	The system should be designed to prevent as many barriers as possible to tenants.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	All tenants deserve protection.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	I already posted a video about this demand to my website and socials. Excessive heat kills - at any time of year.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	We need to shift the burden of taxation from the working-class to the wealthy and speculators.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	The long-term goal should be a branch in every ward with its own logistics network. We need to make an actual impact on prices.
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	



Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Other Ward 22 Candidates

No Response Received: Bill Chan, Jackson Ho, Rakhee Kotecha, Donny Morgan.

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Sindia Vijayarajan.

No Email Address Provided: Serge Khatchadourian, Nick Mantas (incumbent).

Ward 23 - Scarborough North Responses

Shaun Chen

Platform Commitments Made: 11/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	



City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	I support the concept and would like to review data out of the current pilot, as well as recommendations and options on a plan moving forward.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	I support digital equity for all and would like to see a full, comprehensive plan on the best way to provide reliable and accessible service.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Jamaal Myers

Platform Commitments Made: 10/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	I was proud to support the motion that expanded RentSafeTO to include a colour-coded system as well as expanding the amount of RentSafeTO officers at City Council and the budget process to support increased safety and compliance of regulations.
Universal work order forms	YES	



Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	
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Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	PARTIALLY	I support applying the VHT to multi-residential apartment buildings and putting the revenue towards MURA. I do not support expanding the VHT to 5% as I strongly believe that the focus should be on capturing existing vacant homes that are not paying the current VHT rather than increasing the tax rate on vacant home owners that are already complying with the by-law. This would provide far more revenue to actually acquire affordable homes under MURA and would be a bigger incentive for vacant home owners to find tenants for their vacant properties.
City-run municipal grocery stores	PARTIALLY	The City should not be directly running grocery stores as it does not have the capacity and/or expertise to do this. Rather, the City should support non-profits, urban farms and community associations who want to provide healthy and affordable food in lower income neighbourhoods with



		assistance securing land, repurposing surplus city property, financial incentives and/or discounted fees, assistance with insurance and so on to make providing healthy and affordable foods in lower income neighbourhoods and/or to lower income households financially and logistically viable.
Municipally-owned broadband network	NO	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Other Ward 23 Candidates

No Response Received: Han Dong, Sajawal Javed, Kevin Li, John-Mark Oleh.

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Piravena Sathiyantham.

No Email Address Provided: Ronald Phen.

Ward 24 - Scarborough-Guildwood Responses

Paul Ainslie

Platform Commitments Made: 11.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	With tenants' approval and with ample notice. Providing Rentsafe authority to conduct the inspections gives the tenant assurances that the landlord is aware of outstanding work orders. That they are to be addressed in timely manner with RentSafe confirming they are completed.
Universal work order forms	YES	This would provide a streamlined form, recognizable to fill out and submit.
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	I will continue to support the expansion and staffing RentSafe requires to ensure inspections and visits are done quicker and at an appropriate time to support the tenant and RentSafe team.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	A set temperature year-round makes sense.
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	I will continue to support the air conditioner assistance program.
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	This data is useful for the City to make decisions to support residents.



Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	I supported this initiative.
Municipally-owned broadband network	PARTIALLY	We have expanded this program but need to make it available to all TCHC residents, by ensuring we have the best possible price to ensure its longevity.

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	Everyone deserves a secure, affordable home. Full rent control helps protect residents from unaffordable rent increases.
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	The payments need to be increased and indexing to the rate of inflation is essential.
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	Everyone deserves to have in-person representation if requested and access to legal aid.

Jithender Mulamalla

Platform Commitments Made: 10.5/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections	YES	



during biennial evaluations		
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	NO	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	PARTIALLY	



Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	
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Other Ward 24 Candidates

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Robert Bazil, Arun Sivanandan.

No Email Address Provided: Nachi Ramasamy, An Wu.

Ward 25 - Scarborough-Rouge Park Responses

Ashan Fernando

Platform Commitments Made: 11/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	WITH CONDITIONS: NO INCREASE TO REGISTRATION FEES FOR TENANTS. IT IS THE CITY DUTY TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax	NO	Will Not Support Any New Taxes



to 5%; allocate to MURA		Increases.
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Neethan Shan

Platform Commitments Made: 12/12

Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	YES	



Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	YES	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	YES	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and vacancy control	YES	
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Vane Stavrev

Platform Commitments Made: 9.5/12



Give RentSafe Teeth!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
In-unit inspections during biennial evaluations	YES	
Universal work order forms	YES	
Expand RentSafeTO scope & increase fees	NO	

Beat the Heat!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
26°C maximum heat bylaw year-round	YES	
Expand Air Conditioner Assistance Program	NO	
TPH public reporting on heat ER visits	PARTIALLY	

Make Toronto Affordable!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Raise Vacant Homes Tax to 5%; allocate to MURA	YES	
City-run municipal grocery stores	YES	
Municipally-owned broadband network	YES	

Stand Up To The Province!

Demand	Response	Candidate Rationale
Advocate for full rent and	YES	



vacancy control		
Advocate to double OW/ODSP & index to inflation	YES	
Advocate for Landlord & Tenant Board reform	YES	

Other Ward 25 Candidates

No Response Received: Shawn Allen, Dharshan Casinathen, Zakir Patel.

Email Address Not Provided In Time: Janette Lumley.

No Email Address Provided: Somas Kaneshapillai, Dianna Robinson, Kannan S'ree Jr.