



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### MAYORAL CANDIDATE BOB BRATINA RESPONDS TO LOOMIS' PLAN TO PRIVATIZE PUBLIC HOUSING

**Hamilton, ON – 13 October 2022** – Keanin Loomis' plan to shutter CityHousing Hamilton, throw 13,000 tenants into uncertainty, and commit \$51 million annually to groups run by his friends is dangerous and is an attack on some of the most vulnerable citizens of Hamilton. American-style privatization of public services is a risk Hamilton cannot afford.

“I was shocked to hear that one of my opponents announced last night that he would gut CityHousing Hamilton and get Hamilton out of the housing business. This would throw 13,000 tenants into great uncertainty. He also committed to providing CHH's \$51 million annual budget to unnamed third party groups. This is outrageous.”

“Today, he said that he ‘misspoke’ after a ‘long day’. I’ve been Mayor. I know the challenges of the job. Every day is a long day. It is a stressful job and there are many frustrations, but I would never support putting 13,000 people's homes at risk or throwing \$51 million dollars a year at some third party. He clearly stated that the City should give these third party groups whatever they want.”

“Today, though, he’s changed his tune. People are right to be mad that he said the quiet part out loud and question his policies and his sincerity. I’m not sure if he’s just not serious, or if he’s beholden to special interests. But whether it’s Area Rating or apparently now CityHousing, he can’t be trusted to put Hamiltonians before whoever is writing his policies.”

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