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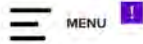


POLITICS

## Why Mike O'Malley will replace Tim McGinty as Cuyahoga County Prosecutor

Mike O'Malley won what he once called a "David vs. Goliath" battle against Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Tim McGinty. And it was by a surprisingly large margin.

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CLEVELAND -- It is one of the most powerful political jobs in Northeast Ohio and a new incumbent will hold it next year.

Mike O'Malley once called his battle against Tim McGinty a "David against Goliath" struggle.


In the end, David wound up winning -- with O'Malley beating McGinty by a surprising 10 percent of the votes.



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O'Malley talked about broad goals.

"Certainly, rebuilding trust is at the top of the list. I think there's a loss of confidence in the justice system among many people in Cuyahoga County," he said.

But in an earlier interview, he unwittingly offered the main reason he won -- "I am not Tim McGinty."

McGinty's handling of the Tamir Rice case and his often difficult personality are the two big factors that likely brought him down.

Trying to balance secrecy and transparency, and urging grand jurors not to bring charges against the officers involved in the 12-year-old's shooting, turned much of the African-American community against him.

Congresswoman Marcia Fudge and many ministers urged constituents and congregation members to back O'Malley and dump McGinty.

NAACP President Michael Nelson said, "You had everyday people interested in the prosecutor's race, people who never though about the prosecutor's race asked 'What about this guy McGinty?'"



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And many police and their supporters were upset with McGinty for bringing charges against Michael Brelo, the Cleveland police officer who fired the most shots in the deadly barrage that killed Timothy Russell and Malissa Williams.

McGinty's often abrasive personality antagonized judges, lawyers and other public players.

O'Malley said his congratulatory call from McGinty was brief but cordial and he expected a smooth transition.

He pledged to avoid "being locked up in the 9th floor of the Justice Center," and said he would spend much time before he takes office and after staying connected to the community.

McGinty declined post-election interviews. We're told he came to work Wednesday and told staff to double-down for the remainder of his term.



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Some speculate that many Democrats who crossed over to get Republican ballots to be for or against Donald Trump were likely McGinty voters.

But the voters' verdict? t's time for a change.

O'Malley will be the new county prosecutor because Republicans did not file a candidate for the November election.