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UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Mayor



Michael O'Connor (D)
58.31% (5,093 votes)



Randy McClement (R)
36.46% (3,184 votes)

Board of Aldermen



Kelly Russell (D)
14.71% (5,928 votes)



Derek Shackelford (D)
13.67% (5,509 votes)



Roger Wilson (D)
13.62% (5,487 votes)



Donna Kuzemchak (D)
13.49% (5,436 votes)



Ben MacShane (D)
12.99% (5,233 votes)



Alan Imhoff (R)
7.35% (2,960 votes)



Bryan Chaney (R)
6.47% (2,608 votes)

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Katie Bowersox (R)
6.19% (2,492 votes)



Hayden Duke (R)
5.81% (2,341 votes)



Nate Power (R)
5.28% (2,129 votes)

A total of 457 write-in votes for mayor were received. All results will be finalized later this week.



Staff photos by Bill Green

Frederick's next mayor, Michael O'Connor, left, and incoming Alderman Derek Shackelford, center, react as final numbers come in Tuesday night at a Democratic reception at La Paz restaurant. The mayor and all five aldermanic seats were won by Democrats.

DEMOS SWEEP ELECTION

FREDERICK O'Connor voted city's next mayor

By MALLORY PANUSKA
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Democratic Alderman Michael O'Connor was mingling with guests Tuesday night at La Paz restaurant after learning he had won the mayoral race in Frederick's general election when a supporter alerted him that Republican Mayor Randy McClement was in the building.

The two walked purposely toward each other among a sea of excited Democrats, shook hands and hugged, as McClement genuinely congratulated his newly named successor.

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Frederick Mayor Randy McClement, right, came to the Democratic reception Tuesday night to congratulate his opponent, Michael O'Connor after O'Connor won the election Tuesday night.

2 incumbents welcome 3 newcomers to the Board of Aldermen

By CAMERON DODD
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Democrats will hold all five seats on Frederick's next Board of Aldermen after Tuesday's election ended with a resounding sweep.

Incumbents Kelly Russell and Donna Kuzemchak will be joined by newcomers Derek Shackelford, Roger Wilson and Ben MacShane.

"It's a great night," Kuzemchak said after election results showed Democratic mayoral candidate Michael O'Connor unseating Mayor Randy McClement. "Anytime you have a clean sweep, that's a great night."

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Former corrections officer sentenced in road-rage shooting

West Virginia man says he acted in self-defense

By KELSIE LOOS
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A former West Virginia corrections officer will spend time on the other side of the bars after shooting a man in the leg and foot in a road-rage incident that turned violent.

Darrell Baker, 26, of Martins-



Baker

burg, West Virginia, was sentenced Tuesday to 18 months in the Frederick County Adult Detention Center on charges of second-degree assault and carrying a handgun without the proper license. Baker was not licensed to carry a handgun in Maryland.

Baker, a former corrections officer at the Eastern Regional Jail in Martinsburg, which is under the West Virginia Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority, shot Paul David Thompson Jr. on March 3 on westbound U.S. 340 near Jefferson.

Thompson, a 52-year-old Sharpsburg resident, was flown to R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore with a gunshot wound to his left leg and another to his left foot, according to police.

He spoke in court, apologizing for his role in the conflict that led to the shooting and asking that Baker apologize to Thompson's family. Thompson added that his wife had to help him do just about everything as he recovered from the injuries.

"I reacted in a way to protect my family," Thompson told Baker. Baker similarly said he was acting in self-defense.

"I don't know what I would

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Voters elect Democrats in Virginia, New Jersey gubernatorial races

By ALAN SUDERMAN and MICHAEL CATALINI
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RICHMOND, Va. — Voters in Virginia and New Jersey gave Democratic gubernatorial candidates large victories Tuesday and sent a clear message of rebuke to Republican President Donald Trump.

In Virginia's hard-fought contest, Democratic Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam defeated Republican Ed Gillespie. In New

Jersey, front-running Democrat Phil Murphy overcame Republican Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno to succeed unpopular GOP Gov. Chris Christie.

"The days of division are over. We will move forward," Murphy said in his victory speech.

The wins in Virginia and New Jersey are a morale boost to Democrats who had so far been unable to channel anti-Trump energy into success at the

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Good morning! A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm. — Henrik Ibsen

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"I had been waiting to receive a phone call from Mayor McClement," O'Connor said later in his victory speech. "He is a class act. The mayor came in person this evening and offered his congratulations."

O'Connor's win ends an eight-year era that McClement had hoped to continue with a third consecutive win. But less than two hours after the polls closed Tuesday — with O'Connor keeping a steady, unwavering lead from the moment the first results came in — McClement conceded to his Democratic challenger in a speech to supporters at Brewer's Alley.

"We did what we needed to do for eight years. We did what we needed to do for this race," McClement said after recognizing the people who helped him over the last two terms.

"I think we ran it the right way and ran it better than I think other people did in the past," he continued. "I think the city hopefully will be in good hands. I think all we can do is stay, watch, keep up with them, [and] speak up when you think things are wrong."

McClement added that he intends to stay in Frederick and be around for anyone who needs his help and guidance.

According to Tuesday's unofficial vote tallies, O'Connor received 5,093 votes over the incumbent's 3,184. The total comes out to 58.31 percent for O'Connor and 36.46 percent for McClement. The rest were for write-in votes for mayor.

Election officials will configure the write-in results at the election canvass, which is set to kick off at 9 a.m. Thursday. Officials will certify all election results, and count the absentee ballots, after the canvass. O'Connor consistently led McClement as soon as the first results for the election's two days of early voting came in shortly after 8 p.m. He and all five Democrats who ran



Staff photos by Dan Gross

Campaign workers wait for voters to pass Tuesday outside the William R. Talley Recreation Center in Frederick.



Voters pass a long line of campaign signs Tuesday on their way to vote at the William R. Talley Recreation Center in Frederick.

for the Board of Aldermen kept healthy leads over all of the Republicans on the ballot the entire time.

McClement and O'Connor ran a relatively friendly race, with each candidate focusing on his individual

campaign rather than trying to sink his opponent.

"We've tried to run a campaign that was focused on ideas, aspiring to be something," O'Connor said in his victory speech.

"I think we've seen over



Jeffrey Estes holds his 4-year-old son, Jameson, while voting Tuesday at the William R. Talley Recreation Center in Frederick.

the last year it's not enough to just be against things," he continued. "You have to be for something, and we've run a campaign that was for the city of Frederick, a campaign for the citizens of the city of Frederick."

O'Connor also recognized his campaign team and his family, notably

his wife, Tammy, and two grown daughters, who surprised him by coming home Tuesday to watch the results come in, he said.

O'Connor and McClement worked together in the city government all election season, becoming direct opponents after the September primary. They have

also served together for the past two terms, O'Connor as an alderman and McClement as mayor.

Issues such as the proposed downtown hotel and conference center, development of the Westside Regional Park, blighted buildings downtown, affordable housing, electoral reform, and the city's pension system, among others, have all been pertinent topics of discussion this election season. And while the two mayoral candidates grappled a little on some methods of addressing them, they, for the most part, agreed on the details. O'Connor did consistently discuss taking a more proactive role in the hotel project and on addressing downtown blight as mayor, though.

Shelley Alooi, who lost to McClement in the Republican primary, ran an active write-in campaign for mayor in the general election. A total of 457 write-in votes came in for mayor. But election officials will not release the names until after the canvass because there were not enough to sway the race, and thus there is no way to know whether the write-ins received were for Alooi or other people. The city has no official process for registering write-ins, which means voters could write in any name they wish.

Democrats won not only the mayor's race but all five aldermanic seats Tuesday, according to the unofficial results. This year is the first since 2001 in which one of the parties has swept the results. In 2001, Democrats also won all six seats, with a 32.55 percent turnout.

The total voter turnout Tuesday, with early voting, was relatively low at 20.95 percent. In the last general election, in 2013, the turnout was 23.53 percent. The September primary, which also included two days of early voting, returned the lowest voter turnout for a city election in recent memory at just 13.84 percent.

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Aldermen

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Kuzemchak garnered 5,436 votes, or 13.49 percent, on Tuesday, finishing fourth behind Russell, Shackelford and Wilson. MacShane finished fifth.

This election marks the second time in recent history that the city has elected an all-Democratic mayor and Board of Aldermen. The 2001 election ushered in Jennifer Dougherty as mayor as well as five Democrats to the board.

Russell led Tuesday's aldermanic candidates with 5,928 votes, or 14.71 percent of the vote. The other incumbents on the board were O'Connor and Phil Dacey and Josh Bokee. Dacey, a Republican, and Bokee, a Democrat, did not seek re-election.

"I'm overwhelmed and really excited to work with a team that has already started learning how to work together," Russell said. "It's been a great eight years, but we're going to move Frederick forward and make it an even better place to live."

Shackelford, a local preacher and former Frederick County Democratic State Central Committee member, finished second



Staff photo by Bill Green

Roger Wilson, center, reacts along with supporters as he views final results in the Frederick city election Tuesday night. Wilson and four other Democrats were elected to the Board of Aldermen.

with 5,509 votes, or 13.67 percent. "I appreciate the voters who supported me," Shackelford said. "They support what we're trying to do, and I'm excited to work to serve everyone."

MacShane, who runs a local

construction company, said he was thrilled with Tuesday's outcome.

"This is wonderful," MacShane said. "Our team did a fantastic job presenting our vision for the future of Frederick, and the city responded overwhelmingly in favor

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BEN MacSHANE, incoming Frederick alderman

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Wilson's and Shackelford's victories mark the first time in Frederick history that two black men have been elected to serve on the board simultaneously.

MacShane, who finished Tuesday night with 5,233 votes, was still more than 2,200 votes ahead of the top vote-getting Republican, former Alderman Alan Imhoff, who had 2,960 votes.

Kuzemchak and Russell led the field of candidates in the September Democratic primary election. Kuzemchak and Russell won 14.75 percent and 14.74 percent, respectively, of the 2,967 votes cast in the primary.

Wilson was a close third in

September with 13.57 percent of the primary vote. MacShane and Shackelford each had about 11.5 percent of the vote.

Wilson works as Frederick County's director of government affairs and public policy. In similar decisions released before the election, the city of Frederick and the Frederick County Ethics Commission said that Wilson will need to recuse himself from voting on matters related to the county if elected alderman.

Wilson garnered 5,487 votes, or 13.62 percent, to finish third in Tuesday's election.

All results remain unofficial until absentee ballots are counted later this week.

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Elections

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ballot box in a major election this year.

"The people are gonna rise up. They're not gonna take what he says and this is not fake news," said Leanna Barnes, a 76-year-old from East Orange, New Jersey, who voted for Murphy and added she saw his victory as a message to the president.

Virginia college student Tamia Mallory said she began paying attention to her state's gubernatorial race when she saw tweets from Trump endorsing Gillespie. That motivated her to examine the race and find out who was running against Gillespie, she said.

"It was kind of an anti-Trump vote," Mallory said.

Northam, the state's lieutenant governor, repeatedly sought during long months of divisive campaigning to tie Gillespie to the president. His victory was in

large part due to the surge in anti-Trump sentiment since the president took office. Democrats said they had record levels of enthusiasm heading into the race in Virginia, a swing state and the only Southern state that Trump lost last year.

Gillespie, meanwhile, sought to keep Trump at a distance throughout the campaign but tried to rally the president's supporters with hard-edge attack ads focused on illegal immigration and preserving Confederate statues. The strategy was criticized by Democrats and some Republicans as race baiting, but drew praise from former Trump strategist Steve Bannon and others as a canny way to win a state that voted for Hillary Clinton last year.

Trump lent limited pre-election support to Gillespie with robocalls and tweets.

In one call, Trump said

Gillespie shared his views on immigration and crime and would help "Make America Great Again." Trump also said Northam would be a "total disaster" for Virginia.

But after Tuesday's loss, Trump suggested that Gillespie hurt himself by not more closely aligning himself with the president.

"Ed Gillespie worked hard but did not embrace me or what I stand for," Trump said in a tweet after Northam won. He also pointed out that Republicans have won every special election to the U.S. House since he was elected.

Northam's victory is a blow to Republicans, who were hoping that Gillespie could provide a possible road map for moderate Republicans to follow in next year's midterm elections. Several Republicans have announced plans to retire next year instead of seeking re-election.

Gillespie struck a hum-

ble tone in his concession speech as he offered support to Northam.

He wiped tears from his eyes while thanking his wife and said the million people who voted for him love Virginia, and so do those who disagree with them.

"And I know they too are rooting for our new governor to succeed because we all love the commonwealth of Virginia," Gillespie said. The mood was subdued at Gillespie's party at a Richmond-area hotel, with supporters not shocked at the outcome but surprised at how poorly Republicans did. Democrats swept all three of Virginia's statewide races, including contests for attorney general and lieutenant governor. Several incumbent state House Republicans also lost their seats.

Gillespie supporter Elsa Smith said Republicans needed to do a better job of appealing to minorities if

they want to win future races.

"We are not taking care of the demographics the way we should," said Smith, an owner of a Spanish translation business.

Democrats were gleeful at Northam's victory party. U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly called Northam the "perfect antidote" to the president.

"This is a comprehensive victory from the statehouse to the courthouse. Thank you, President Trump," Connolly said.

The Democratic victories are another sign of Virginia's shift toward a more liberal electorate. Democrats have won every statewide election since 2009 and now have won four out of the last five gubernatorial contests. Northam banked heavily during the campaign on his near-perfect political resume and tried to cast himself as the low-key doctor with a strong Southern drawl as the healer to Trump's divisiveness.

Road rage

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have done different that day," he said. "I was just trying to protect myself."

Baker explained that he carried a gun on him in case any released inmates he oversaw came after him.

His attorney, Theodore Charles Turnblacer Jr., noted that Baker was also injured in the fight. His eye was permanently damaged.

Baker drew his gun after he was "beaten severely," Turnblacer said.

Baker said he was asked to resign as a correctional officer after the shooting and he agreed to step down.

If Baker were to violate his five years of probation, he could face a total prison sentence of up to 13 years.

There will be a hearing at a future date on restitution for Thompson's medical bills.

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