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# Cleveland's Mayoral Race Will Be a Nonpartisan Election

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## IN SUMMARY

On November 2, residents of Cleveland will select between two candidates who are both Democrats.

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finishing as the top two candidates from its primary election.

For the first time since 2001, Cleveland's mayoral election will not have an incumbent on the ballot. This is because Democratic Mayor Frank G. Jackson announced in May of this year that [he won't run for reelection](#), which would be his fifth term in office.

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Justin Bibb is a chief strategy officer at [Urbanova](#), which is a private-public partnership that focuses on creating equitable solutions for midsize cities. According to his [LinkedIn profile](#), he worked for companies such as KeyBank, Gallup and Morris Strategy Group. Bibb got endorsements from [Our Revolution Ohio](#), which endorses the policies of Sen. Bernie Sanders. He also got endorsements from two former mayors: Jane Campbell and Michael White.

Bibb [said](#) this about his campaign, “now is the time for bold, new, dynamic, visionary leadership and not the failed politics and policies of the past.”

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On the other hand, Kevin Kelley is seen as the more seasoned candidate as he has been on the Cleveland City Council since 2005 and has served as president since 2013. According to his Cleveland City Council [profile](#), he has experience in law and social work. Additionally, Kelley got an [endorsement](#) from Mayor Jackson, whom he worked with for over two decades.

He believes that his experience on the council makes him qualified to be Cleveland's next mayor.

“Every family and every person must count, no matter where they live, their race, creed, color, or orientation,” Kelley said on his [website](#). “My dream for the future of Cleveland is one in which no neighborhood or person is left behind. We will all succeed, together.”



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