

Burns says his approach to Supreme Court race most honest way to run

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Middleton attorney Tim Burns said he has not started to process whether his approach to the Supreme Court primary was a mistake.

But he believes it is the most honest way to run.

"I am still just 100 percent, wholly committed to the idea that judges need to run this way and they need to behave this way," said Burns, who ran as an unabashed progressive. "They're nominated for the court. We can't just let these guys go controlling our society without demanding what their values are."

With nearly three-fourths of precincts in, Burns was a distant third in the three-way race, according to unofficial returns collected by The Associated Press.

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Burns said he woke up Tuesday knowing anything could happen with the results. But his travels, social media and rumblings he heard about polling suggested he was in the lead.

He also said he wasn't prepared to say whether he will endorse Judge Rebecca Dallet for the general election. The two exchanged a series of barbs leading up to the primary as they fought over progressive voters.

"That shouldn't be read one way or the other," Burns said of holding off a decision about an endorsement. "It's just that I really do believe that some decisions need to be made with consideration."

Asked if he'll consider running for the state Supreme Court again, Burns cracked it probably was "not a good day to ask."

“Everybody should breathe a sigh of relief. I don’t see myself jumping into the governor’s race,” he joked.