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Wayne Ford

Former state Rep. Wayne Ford sits in his Urban Dreams offices, in Des Moines, Iowa, on Jan. 13, 2015.

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Republican presidential candidate, businessman and pastor Ryan Binkley in Sioux Center, Iowa, in December.

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