

decree that is supposed to bring sweeping policing reforms, including greater transparency, to Baltimore, Connors said. # He said the blame fell on the mayor who created the process, which he said has made the city a " laughingstock " to the entire country. # While some candidates might be deterred from coming to Baltimore, he said the next commissioner has a low bar, that " there's not somewhere but up. " # Connors said he wanted to see the mayor out in the community, listening to residents before naming her next candidate. # " The mayor just needs to take a step back and do a lot of listening -- listen to what are people telling her they need to see, " he said. # It's unclear what the mayor's next move might be. She canceled a news conference Monday discussing her plans. The city had received more than 50 applications, and several candidates continue to express interest in the job. # Speaking last week after a Baltimore city council report had been released, Tatum said he was concerned that reports on the vetting weren't showing Fitzgerald at his best. # Tatum said Fitzgerald had defused a racial powder keg in Fort Worth and that he hoped he would stay in his job there. " I just don't want his character to be assassinated, " Tatum said.