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That message will keep going forward through the general election, Fuchtman said.

Schommer said he was disappointed by the margin by which he trailed Fuchtman.

Schommer was the first Norfolkan to announce his candidacy for mayor, which translated into the ability to get a head start in campaigning. But it didn't translate into votes on Tuesday.

"I don't believe it was for lack of effort," Schommer said. "There are just some things we need to take a look at and find out what sort of direction the campaign needs to go in terms of message or in terms of strategy. There's just a lot of things to look at."

Schommer said he appreciates all the effort his supporters have given, and he's at peace with what happens. Schommer

said he plans on spending some time to regroup before gearing up his campaign for the November election.

"I'm just going to regroup and take a look at things from a resting perspective for a little bit," he said.

Schommer said he doesn't believe there will be a big change in strategy before the general election.

"I think things are going to continue on just the way they were before. Like I said, we've got a lot of decisions to make in terms of strategy," he said. "It's just time to regroup. It's disappointing — no doubt."

Sweigard was unavailable for comment Wednesday morning.

His candidacy became involved in a strange twist of events when Sweigard said he was encouraged to run for mayor by a supporter of Schommer's.