Martin O’Malley served as the 61st governor of Maryland from 2007 to 2015 and the 47th mayor of the city of Baltimore from 1999 until 2007. His time as governor and mayor was marked by a steadfast commitment to data-driven decision-making. As mayor, he introduced CitiStat, a performance-based management system that produced dramatic improvements in city services and efficiency and led to Baltimore being awarded the Innovations in Government Award from the Kennedy School at Harvard in 2001. CitiStat has served as a model for cities across the world. As governor, he continued to demonstrate results-driven leadership with the introduction of StateStat and BayStat, a system which has since inspired other systems including EPA’s ChesapeakeStat program. In 2009, Governing Magazine named O’Malley Public Official of the Year for his ability to “improve performance by measuring what [states] do and relentlessly monitoring their progress”. Governor O’Malley received his bachelor’s degree from Catholic University and his law degree from the University of Maryland.

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