Vivek Ramaswamy steps down from DOGE

Vivek Ramaswamy has stepped down from co-leading President Donald Trump's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), according to the *Associated Press*. The official line as to why Ramaswamy is moving on is that he plans to run for elected office — he reportedly intends to run for Ohio governor.

"Vivek Ramaswamy played a critical role in helping us create DOGE," spokesperson Anna Kelly says in the statement to the *Associated Press*. "He intends to run for elected office soon, which requires him to remain outside of DOGE, based on the structure that we announced today. We thank him immensely for his contributions over the last 2 months and expect him to play a vital role in making America great again."

> *People close to Musk have privately undercut Ramaswamy for weeks, frustrated with his lack of participation in the heavy lifting, according to sources familiar with the internal dynamics. There has been friction between the incoming rank and file DOGE staff and Ramaswamy, the sources said, and Ramaswamy has been subtly encouraged to exit.*

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