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Tůma's time



TOP 09 needs Zdeněk Tůma now more than ever. Which is ironic, because the party did what it could to sideline him at city hall. Tůma resigned last month as head of the city assembly's finance committee, citing a busy travel schedule as a consultant at KPMG. In his "exit interviews," he spoke surprisingly conciliatorily about how he was unceremoniously outvoted 24-1 when he backed Vladimír Lich as DP Praha's CEO. But Tůma's refusal to go out kicking and screaming was probably mainly a business decision (it would not reflect well on KPMG) and should not be construed as acceptance of TOP's practices. When [ČT](#) asked Miroslav Kalousek last night whether Tůma is a candidate to replace Jaromír Drábek, he said that Tůma would make an excellent labor minister but can be scratched off the list because of his work commitments. In political jargon, this is called "lowering expectations." Wooing Tůma back won't be easy.



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