

Arambula will on Monday make his Assembly bid official

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Joaquin Arambula

Joaquin Arambula, an emergency room doctor and son of former Assembly Member and Fresno County Supervisor Juan Arambula, will on Monday morning officially announce his bid for the 31st Assembly District seat.

Arambula, a 37-year-old Kingsburg Democrat, will make the announcement in front of the Hugh M. Burns State Building in downtown Fresno. If Arambula wins next year, he will take over the seat held by his father. Juan Arambula represented the district from 2004 to 2010.

The seat is currently held by Fresno Democrat Henry T. Perea, who will reach his term limit at the end of next year.

Arambula's decision is not a surprise. He had already said he was considering a run, and he recently moved from Clovis to Kingsburg and re-registered as a Democrat. He was previously a no party preference voter, which means he wasn't affiliated with any political party.

The move was in the works before Arambula decided considered the Assembly run. He currently works at Adventist Medical Center in Selma.

Arambula is likely not the only candidate who will seek to replace Perea. Another possible candidate is Fresno Unified school board trustee Luis Chavez, also a Democrat. And Fresno City Council Member Clint Olivier, a Republican, appears headed for a run as well.

The district covers a huge part of southern Fresno County as well as its western half.

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