

Amy Arambula's comments about her Fresno EOC board reappointment

Yes, my son Dr. Joaquin Arambula nominated me to serve as his representative to the EOC Board of Commissioners. I'm proud of having been appointed to the EOC Board by three Assembly Members and a Senator, as well as the Juvenile Court of Fresno County.

I'm a good board member. I work hard, do my homework and have always been willing to speak the truth, even when it may inconvenience some people.

I believe strongly in the mission of the organization. EOC must address the root causes of poverty and help the neediest in our county, particularly in our rural areas.

I have a sense of urgency that things need to get better quickly. And, during these turbulent times, I will continue to push for change. I support EOC doing the hard work of lifting the poor out of poverty instead of just working to bring funds into the organization. It's important the programs we provide meet the most important needs of the poorest of the poor, that the programs we provide are relevant and help move the most vulnerable out of poverty. And that the programs EOC runs are managed efficiently. EOC could be doing a much better job.

I believe our current CEO is doing a good job and fully support efforts to have EOC change to keep up with the times. The work of this agency is so important that we must all speak up. I will certainly continue to do so, in the hopes that EOC can accomplish its mission even in the face of resistance from some.

These are the things I believe in. EOC needs board members that are well informed, active participants in carrying out their responsibilities as board members. I suspect some board members may not want me to continue asking tough questions. I regret there are people on our board that may disagree with my strong advocacy on behalf of the poor.