

Tahoe assemblyman gets stent after chest pains

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Nevada Assemblyman Jim Wheeler had angioplasty on Saturday and doctors placed two stents to open his blocked arteries, his campaign manager said.

The procedure happened after Wheeler, 60, reported chest and arm pains on Friday and early Saturday. But his cardiologist said he did not suffer a heart attack, said Wheeler's campaign manager, Steve Donahue.

"He had blocked arteries," but the problem was caught before he could suffer a heart attack, Donahue said.

"He'll be able to start walking his district in a week, the doctor said," according to Donahue.

Wheeler, R-Gardnerville, is running for re-election to Assembly District 39, which covers Lake Tahoe in Douglas County, Storey County and part of Lyon County.

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