

Dr. Ben Carson: Tea Party Favorite Speaks Out on 2016 Presidential Bid

Retired surgeon Ben Carson on Sunday said he could form a committee to explore a bid for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination this month and make a formal announcement in May.

“That’s a reasonable time frame,” Carson told “Fox News Sunday” when asked by host Chris Wallace about the timing of an exploratory committee and formal announcement. “We’re putting all that together.”

Carson, a former Fox News contributor who is popular with Tea Party conservatives, ranked fourth among possible Republican candidates in a recent Fox News poll of potential voters in Iowa, coming in behind former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, and Kentucky Senator Rand Paul.

The poll showed growing support for Carson, a bestselling author and conservative commentator, with 10 percent of potential voters saying they would vote for Carson, up from about 8 percent last year.

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