

A Politicians' Convention

why in 5

1 During the last convention, four out of five delegates were career politicians and Albany insiders.

2 And every politician who ran for a delegate seat that year won a delegate seat.

3 And who ran the show? All of the convention leaders were sitting legislators.

4 Most troubling? Thanks to Citizens United, corporate special interests can spend unlimited money getting their cronies elected.

5 Do you trust Albany insiders to do what's right? Don't risk it.

Vote NO!

Labor rights at risk

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1 At risk: The right to unionize and bargain collectively. Your union's strength could be jeopardized.

2 At risk: Workers' compensation. Safeguard your rights if you're injured on the job.

3 At risk: Public pension protections. The constitution guarantees your pension will be there.

4 Other states have made drastic pension changes with disastrous results for active members and retirees. Don't let it happen here!

5 Don't risk your rights/your future.

Vote NO!

It's just not necessary

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1 A process already exists to amend the state constitution, and it doesn't cost a thing.

2 For example, the state Legislature passed an amendment in 2013 expanding casino gambling. The same process could be used for new amendments.

3 Opening the state constitution is like opening Pandora's Box. You can't predict what changes delegates will make.

4 The last time a convention took place it was a complete failure; voters rejected every proposed constitutional change.

5 Don't add to Albany waste.

Vote NO!

A waste of tax dollars

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1 Experts estimate a constitutional convention will cost hundreds of millions in taxpayer dollars.

2 Lawmakers can collect salaries and pension credits as elected officials and as delegates simultaneously.

3 The last time a constitutional convention took place, it cost taxpayers millions and accomplished nothing.

4 Constitutional conventions don't have mandatory end dates — delegates keep meeting and taxpayers keep paying.

5 Should taxpayers fund a party for Albany insiders? No!

Vote NO!

What's at stake?

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1 The environment — New York State's constitution has the nation's strongest protections for forever wild areas like the Adirondacks and the Catskills. Greedy developers could push to undo these safeguards.

2 Public education — The state constitution guarantees our students the right to a free public education.

3 The social safety net — The state constitution ensures the state provides for citizens in need.

4 Our voting rights — The constitution provides valuable protections.

5 Don't risk losing these vital safeguards.

Vote NO!

