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# Sponsoring a forum on the: NYS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

### New York State residents have a lot to lose.

This November, New York State voters will have a major decision to make: whether or not to convene a NYS Constitutional Convention. Please join us for an educational forum to learn about the protections <u>CURRENTLY GUARANTEED</u> in our state constitution.

#### WHAT'S AT STAKE?

PUBLIC EDUCATION • PRISON PRIVATIZATION • ORGANIZED LABOR RIGHTS • SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS • TENANT RIGHTS • ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS • MILLIONS OF TAX PAYER DOLLARS •And more...

## When September 19 6-8 pm

#### Where

Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church 85 South Oxford Street Brooklyn, NY 11217 (corner of Lafayette Avenue)



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# What is Protected in Our State Constitution?

For many voters this will be the first time they see a constitutional convention question on the ballot. The State Constitution guarantees rights and protections that impact our day-to-day lives such as:

#### PUBLIC EDUCATION:

Guarantees free public education

#### SENIORS:

- Provides protection against age discrimination
- Protects public employee pensions from being "diminished or impaired."

#### ENVIRONMENT:

• FOREVER WILD ACT - Provides that forest preserve land such as the Adirondacks and Catskills be forever maintained as wild forest.

#### SOCIAL WELFARE:

• Requires that the state provide social welfare services

#### **PRISON PRIVATIZATION:**

• Prisoners' work may not be contracted out to private corporations

#### WORKERS' RIGHTS:

- Establishes eight hour work day, 5 day work week
- Requires workers be paid minimum wage
- Right to workers' compensation

#### **UNION PROTECTIONS:**

- Collective bargaining
- Right to be a member of a union

#### A "NO" VOTE WOULD GUARANTEE THAT NEW YORKERS WOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THESE PROTECTIONS.