

Say no to the Constitutional Convention

Know your audience- Use these talking points for certain groups

Is it necessary?

Use this when speaking to someone who doesn't know that it isn't necessary:

No, the constitution can be amended through the passage of individual bills to amend specific language by two separately elected state Legislatures, and then approval by voters in a high-turnout November election.

What is the cost?

Use this point when speaking to someone who is fiscally conservative:

It is astronomical! The price tag is estimated to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars. The legislatures would collect two salaries and earn double pension credits.

Free and public education:

Use this when speaking to parents who send their children to public schools;

A right to a free public education is guaranteed in our state constitution. This could be taken away from them. Quality public schools have proven to improve the economy, and to raise property values.

Open Space: Use this when speaking to someone who is concerned about environment:

Some of New York's most environmentally sensitive areas—places like the Adirondacks and the Catskills— are safeguarded under the Constitution's "forever wild" protections. During a "Politicians' Convention", wealthy developers could use their influence and money to undo these safeguards in order to use these valuable natural resources for their own profit.

Access the following at www.freeportteachers.org by clicking on the CONCON tab

Videos you may want to watch to understand why to say no:

https://youtu.be/rrHQ5pnSe_I

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWps1pCTOho>

https://youtu.be/d4Ro_KBIjDw

Articles that you may want to read:

Flanagan Questions Con-Con Cost

<http://www.nystateofpolitics.com/2017/02/flanagan-questions-con-con-cost/>

Cuomo expresses reservations about state constitutional convention

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/cuomo-expresses-concerns-state-constitutional-convention-article-1.2964719>

CSEA Legislative and Political Action NYS Constitutional Convention?

<https://cseany.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/con-con-flier-update-791x1024.jpg>