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TU to host panel discussion on state Constitutional Convention

When New York State voters head to the polls in November, they will decide whether the state should hold a constitutional convention.

The Times Union's Capitol Confidential team and expert panelists will convene for "Capitol Confidential Breakfast Forum: A Constitutional Choice" at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, to explore the potential risks and benefits of the state holding its first ConCon since 1967.

Sponsored by New Yorkers Against Corruption and Effective NY, the forum will be moderated by Casey Seiler, the Times Union's Senior Editor for News. Panelists will include: Gerry Benjamin, associate vice president for regional engagement and director of the Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz; Arthur "Jerry" Kremer, founder and Chairman of Empire Government Strategies and former Assembly Ways and Means Committee chairman; Donna Lieberman, executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union; and Bill Samuels, founder and chairman of Effective NY.

The discussion will be held at the Hearst Media Center in Colonie. Tickets are \$15 per person; \$5 for students. Coffee and light breakfast snacks will be served. To register, visit <http://capitolconfidential.eventbrite.com>. Questions? Contact Shannon Fromma at (518) 454-5479 or sfromma@timesunion.com.

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