

## **Press Release from the Conservative Party**

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## <u>CONSERVATIVES SAY: BE PREPARED</u> ANNUAL CONVENTION SLATED FOR ALBANY JANUARY 26 – 27, 2014

**Ft. Hamilton Station, NY** – The Legislative Session begins this week and according to news reports, the Governor's State of the State will be filled with liberal/progressive ideas designed to keep people dependent on government programs that stifle true economic growth.

The Conservative Party of New York State will host its annual political action conference on Sunday, January 26 and Monday, January 27 to inform the citizens of New York how they can help stop the liberal/progressive agenda planned by the Cuomo Administration with help from Mayor de Blasio and the Clinton's.

The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention begins at 12:30 PM in the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road in Albany. State Chairman Michael R. Long will call for Albany's elected officials to enact term limits, cut spending, reject the Governor's radical plan to expand abortion, an Education Investment Tax Credit and reduce corporate, individual and real property taxes. Chairman Long will call on legis lators to provide mandate relief and remind them that voters will financially support candidates they agree with and do not want taxpayer-funded campaigns. Unless New Yorkers are provided common sense reforms, New York exodus will continue until the only New Yorkers left are those unable to pay government's bills.

This year's speakers include budget expert, E. J. McMahon, National Review editor, Rich Lowry, 2013 NYC candidate for comptroller, John Burnett, former NRA President, David Keene, Congressman Tom Reed, Senator Lee Zeldin, former US Senate candidate Jay Townsend, Tom King, President of the NYS Rifle and Pistol Association, National Popular Vote spokesman, Saul Anuzis, Ayesha Kreutz of the Frederick Douglas Foundation, Kathleen Gallagher Pro-Life Director of the NYS Catholic Conference, Karen Moreau, Executive Director of the NYS Petroleum Council, Elise Stefanik who worked for President George W. Bush in the West Wing, Jim Cultrara, Co-Chair of the NYS Coalition for Independent and Religious Schools, noted author George J. Marlin, and health care expert, Betsy McCaughey. Also scheduled to address the participants are the two gentlemen who have expressed an interest in running for Governor this year, Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino and former Conservative Party Candidate for Governor Carl Paladino.

"Conservatives have come to Albany every year and have presented the members of the legislature with sound fiscal policies designed to save taxpayers money and outlined in the 2014 Legislative Platform. When the Party's fiscal policies are adopted, New York will reduce its deficits, and end unnecessary borrowing that will eventually lower the tax rate for everyone. Government spending was beginning to slow, but, the rhetoric being reported does not indicate that spending will decrease nearly enough for voters to be confident that their taxes will be reduced.

In concluding, Mr. Long stated, "The Conservative Party's Conference continues to grow with new participants and party registrations, which tells me that people are looking for a way to stem the outrageous spending. The Conservative Party is *Right* for all New Yorkers, and we will continue to be the voice of reason until politics as usual ends in New York. Our conference defines our legislative program, offers a clear, concise, common sense, approach to government, and outlines what must be done.