



## INAUGURAL VIRGINIA TEA PARTY PATRIOT CONVENTION THE CONSTITUTION STILL MATTERS.

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### **Rick Santorum to Participate at Inaugural Virginia Tea Party Patriot Convention**

Richmond, Va. – **Rick Santorum**, former senator and congressman from Pennsylvania, will participate in the National Policy Forum at the inaugural Virginia Tea Party Patriots Convention in Richmond, Va. on Oct. 8-9.

“We are very excited to add Rick Santorum to our National Policy Forum. He will add a great perspective to the topic of restoring federalism,” says Jamie Radtke, Chairman of the Virginia Tea Party Patriots Federation. “Rick’s record as a government reformer will resonate with the attendees at the Virginia Tea Party Patriot Convention and we are excited to hear his ideas on how to reform Washington DC.”

“I am looking forward to the opportunity to address the Virginia Tea Party Patriots Convention. I have long shared the views that Tea Party groups advocate of smaller government, fiscal responsibility and a respect for the Constitution. I look forward to sharing my views on these critical issues during the National Policy Forum,” said Senator Santorum.

Rick Santorum was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1990 at the age of 32, defeating a seven-term incumbent. From 1995 through 2007, Rick served in the United States Senate after defeating a heavily favored incumbent and was re-elected for a second term in 2000. Rick earned a reputation as an effective government reformer, taking on Washington’s powerful special interests. Rick was a member of the famous “Gang of Seven” that exposed the House Banking and House Post Office scandals. Rick also was the author of the landmark 1996 Welfare Reform Act and fought for a balanced budget and a line item veto. He wrote the 2005 New York Times bestseller *It Takes a Family*. Rick now is a Senior Fellow at The Ethics and Public Policy Center, the Friday host of Bill Bennett’s ‘Morning in America’ nationally-syndicated radio program and a contributor on the Fox News Channel.

### **Numerous Potential Presidential Candidates on Convention Schedule**

The two-day Virginia Tea Party Patriot Convention, themed “The Constitution Still Matters,” will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, and is sponsored by the Virginia Tea Party Patriots Federation, a statewide federation of local, non-partisan Tea Party and Patriot groups.

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Rick Santorum is among several participants at the Convention who are mentioned often as potential presidential candidates. In addition to Santorum, others include **Rep. Ron Paul** and businessmen and thought-leaders **Herman Cain** and **Lou Dobbs**.

The presence of these potential presidential candidates will add energy to the first ever Tea Party presidential straw poll, which will be the concluding event of the Virginia Tea Party Patriots Convention on Saturday, Oct. 9. The Presidential Straw Poll will be administered by leading conservative media group Human Events.

In addition to the Presidential Straw Poll, the Virginia Tea Party Patriots Convention will feature speakers addressing the importance of the Constitution and limited government during a time of unprecedented government expansion. More than 40 breakout seminars will be offered on the Constitution/U.S. political history, current public policy and grassroots activist training. A “*Freedom Lovers Extravaganza*” event is scheduled for Friday evening at the Downtown Marriott.

Nationally known speakers will include **Lou Dobbs, Dick Morris, John Fund, Herman Cain, JennyBeth Martin** and **Virginia (Ginni) Lamp Thomas**. Discussing how to streamline state government will be **Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell, Lt. Governor Bill Bolling** and moderator **Dr. Bob Holsworth**. Participating in the National Policy Forum will be **Rep. Steve King** of Iowa, **Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, former Virginia governor and senator George Allen**, and former **Senator Rick Santorum**.

All of Virginia’s congressional incumbents, congressional candidates, state senators and delegates have been invited to attend and participate, regardless of party affiliation.

Two-day tickets are \$50, one-day tickets are \$40, and Freedom Lovers Extravaganza tickets are \$20. Further details about the convention can be found at [www.vateapartyconvention.com](http://www.vateapartyconvention.com).

*Speakers, schedule are subject to change.*

### **Virginia Tea Party Patriots Federation Charter:**

Virginia Tea Party Patriots (VTPP) is a statewide federation of local, non-partisan Tea Party and Patriot groups established to advance and strengthen the founding principles and rights predicated in the U.S. Constitution and the Virginia Constitution. Our mission is to encourage and facilitate citizen participation in the political process and empower all citizens with a voice and influence in demanding Constitutional governance and fiscal restraint. VTPP will help local, independent Tea Party and Patriot groups grow in numbers and influence and nurture communication and collaboration among these organizations.

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