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**Forum on Voting Rights, November 28:**

**Susan Lerner of Common Cause/New York to Speak**

A broad set of community groups is presenting a forum on voting rights. [Susan Lerner](https://www.commoncause.org/new-york/staff/susan-lerner/), the executive director of [Common Cause/New York](https://www.commoncause.org/new-york/staff/susan-lerner/) will be the lead presenter, and she will identify a range of common sense solutions that protect and expand the right to vote in New York State. Lerner is one of the leaders of the [Let NY Vote Coalition](https://letnyvote.org/), which has identified five very feasible reforms, including early voting and automatic voter registration.

Reverend Mark Blue, president of the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP, will offer introductory remarks. Those attending will also have a chance to share any problems that they observed with access to voting in the recent elections.

“There’s nothing more central to a democracy than the right to vote,” said one of the event organizers, Sam Magavern, executive director of the Partnership for the Public Good. “It’s shameful that New York State, far from leading the nation, actually has some of the most antiquated and unfair voting procedures of any state.”

Free and open to the public, the forum will take place Wednesday, November 28 at 7pm in the Parish Hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo.

Co-sponsors include Buffalo Niagara Coalition for Open Government, Buffalo Urban League, Coalition for Economic Justice, Jewish Community Relations Council, League of Women Voters Buffalo Niagara, NAACP Buffalo Branch, Partnership for the Public Good, PUSH Buffalo, and WNY Area Labor Federation.