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**VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE  
AT NATIONAL BLACK POLITICAL CONVENTION**

**Gary, Indiana**-The City of Gary has announced Vendor Space will be available at the National Black Political Convention (NBPC) that will convene in Gary, Thursday-Sunday, June 9-12, 2016 at the Genesis Convention Center.

The NBP Convention is expected to attract thousands to Gary's downtown area where an opportunity will be created for local vendors to participate in this historic event. **Retail Vendors** only, may purchase space to sell wares on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Genesis Center between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Vendor applications are available at City Hall, 401 Broadway, 1st floor, via email: [gcarpenter@ci.gary.in.us](mailto:gcarpenter@ci.gary.in.us) or by visiting [www.thenbpc.com](http://www.thenbpc.com).

The 2016 National Black Political Convention will be a gathering of Elected Officials, Political and Community Leaders, Community Members, Faith-based Leaders, Youth, Activists and others from across the nation. The first NBPC convened in Gary, Indiana in 1972 under the leadership of U.S. Congressman Charles Diggs (MI), former Gary Mayor Richard G. Hatcher, and Activist Amiri Baraka.

NBPC Conveners this year include Mayor Hatcher, Mayor Johnny Ford (Tuskegee, AL), Mayor Ras Baraka (Newark, NJ), son of Amiri Baraka and Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson. The National Policy Alliance, Washington, DC is the organizer.

Registration for the Convention is available on-line at [www.thenbpc.com](http://www.thenbpc.com) or by visiting the National Civil Rights Hall of Fame office at 478 Broadway, Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

For further information, contact the Communications Department at City Hall, via email: [ldburns@ci.gary.in.us](mailto:ldburns@ci.gary.in.us) or by calling the department at (219) 881-1314.

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