

Below is a statement from City of Howell Mayor Nick Proctor regarding HAPRA and Beauty Beyond Drag Productions' decision to cancel the Drag Queen Bingo event on August 14, 2021.

“The City of Howell has been made aware of the cancellation of the Drag Queen Bingo event by the Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority and Beauty Beyond Drag Productions. We are profoundly disappointed with this decision.

The City was not consulted prior to this decision. Had staff and officials been consulted, the City would not have recommended cancellation. Our public safety officials are not aware of any expressed threats to the event at this time, and the City had taken steps at a recent special meeting to ensure all events associated with Melon Fest would proceed with the safety of the community as a priority.

The Mini-Melon Festival will still proceed. We look forward to this year's event as one that can be enjoyed by all, and hope the festival can return even bigger and better next year.”

City of Howell Mayor,
Nick Proctor