

At an ex parte Term of The Supreme Court of the State of New York held in and for the Sixth Judicial District in the County of Chemung, at Elmira, New York, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

**PRESENT: HON. CHRISTOPHER P. BAKER  
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE**

STATE OF NEW YORK  
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF CHEMUNG

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JULIAN RAVEN,

Petitioner,

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

vs.

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CITY OF ELMIRA,  
CITY OF ELMIRA CITY MANAGER,  
CITY OF ELMIRA CITY CLERK,  
and JOHN/JANE DOE CITY OFFICIALS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROVING,  
REVIEWING, OR ENFORCING THE  
JUNE 6, 2026 ELMIRA PRIDE FESTIVAL  
SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT,

Respondents.

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENTS:

Upon the annexed Verified Petition, the Affidavit of Julian Raven, and the exhibits attached thereto, and upon all papers and proceedings herein, it is hereby

**ORDERED**, that the Respondents show cause before this Court at the Supreme Court, Chemung County, IN PERSON at the **Hazlett Building, 203 Lake Street, Elmira, New York**, on the **2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why an

Order and Judgment should not be entered pursuant to CPLR Article 78, CPLR 6301, CPLR 6313, and CPLR 7805:

1. Preliminarily enjoining Respondents from allowing any sexually oriented performance content, adult-use entertainment content, public nudity, semi-nudity, exposed buttocks, exposed pubic area, exposed genitalia, less-than-opaque intimate area coverage, lingerie-style exposure, simulated sexual conduct, erotic choreography, lewd gestures, adult-cabaret content, adult venue promotion, or material harmful to minors at the June 6, 2026 Elmira Pride Festival in Wisner Park unless and until Respondents issue a written determination applying Elmira's adult-use, sexually oriented business, public decency, park use, minor protection, and zoning provisions;

2. Directing Respondents to produce a written determination before the event stating whether the advertised drag show, children's programming, public park location, church proximity, and family-friendly advertising trigger any Elmira adult-use, sexually oriented business, public decency, park use, minor protection, or zoning provisions;

3. Directing Respondents to impose written, content-neutral permit conditions prohibiting nudity, semi-nudity, exposed buttocks, lingerie-style exposure, simulated sexual conduct, lewd gestures, erotic choreography, adult cabaret content, adult show promotion, and adult venue marketing before minors at any family-friendly public event;

4. Alternatively, temporarily staying or suspending the special-event permit until Respondents conduct and disclose lawful code review; and

5. Granting such other and further relief the Court deems just and proper.

And it is further,

**ORDERED**, that Petitioner's application for interim relief is hereby **denied**; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that, sufficient reason appearing therefore, service of a copy of this Order to Show Cause, together with the Petition and all papers upon which it is granted, shall be served upon the Respondents on May 27, 2026, and such papers shall be served pursuant to CPLR 403(c) and CPLR Article 3; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that Petitioner shall also provide a copy of this Order to Show Cause, the Petition, and all associated papers, to the **Elmira Park Church** and **Southern Finger Lakes Pride**. Such service need not be given in the manner as service of a summons (i.e., such documents may be transmitted via email), but such notice shall be given on May 27, 2026; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that answering papers shall be filed and served no later than noon on June 1, 2026.

ENTER  
Dated: May 27, 2026



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Hon. Christopher P. Baker  
Supreme Court Justice