

A message from [Beauty Beyond Drag Productions](#):

"Hi, my name is Bradley Haas, and I am the show director of Beauty Beyond Drag Productions. I wanted to come on and give an update on all the things that are happening behind the scenes regarding drag queen bingo at the Howell historic theater.

About a month ago, HAPRA moved the show to the theater after community backlash and concerns for public safety. Since then, we have been in close contact with HAPRA, and have made some decisions going into this weekend.

You all know that there has been quite a bit of controversy surrounding our drag bingo. While we appreciate the love and support of some community members, we have made a decision for the safety of ourselves and our performers to cancel drag bingo at the historic Howell theater.

It wasn't an easy decision to come to and it is one that we made alongside Howell Area Parks and Recreation. It is very unfortunate that this event has become overly politicized, both by the far right and the far left. It is not our intention to offend anyone on their beliefs. We pride ourselves on bringing the art of drag to all types of individuals who want to enjoy it.

This whole situation grew into a monster that we were not expecting. We were simply hired to do a show. This was not our intention. There was no agenda and we did not have any control. There was no politically motivated agenda attached to the show, since day one. Our commitment to the public is to have conducive open conversation and bring our art.

At the end of the day, due to the overwhelming lack of civil communication in Howell, we have no alternative for the safety of ourselves and our performers than to cancel drag queen bingo on Saturday.

I hope you all understand, I want to thank you for your support up to this point. I hope in the future that Howell can have more open communication and that this opens up CIVIL conversation in this community. I hope you can make it to a show in the future and see what is Beauty Beyond Drag. Thank you, and have a good day."