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**County Clerk Jamie Romeo, Brighton Town Clerk Daniel Aman
Respond to Trump Administrations Decision to Suspend Passport
Applications Seeking Sex-Marker Changes**

(Rochester, NY) – Today Monroe County Clerk Jamie Romeo and Brighton Town Clerk Daniel Aman, standing with representatives from State Assemblymember Harry Bronson’s Office, local advocates and leaders of the Greater Rochester LGBTQIA+ community; announced their offices as safe spaces for any individual who becomes impacted by the Trump Administration’s blockade of U.S. Passport Services.

Over the weekend, several media outlets reported that Secretary of State Marco Rubio issued a memo to the State Department to suspend all passport applications seeking to change a sex marker and all applications requesting an “X” sex marker; and would no longer issue “X” sex markers for U.S. passports or birth records for U.S. citizens with children born abroad. Legal justification for this, according to Rubio’s memo, derives from President Trump’s Executive Order that the U.S. Government will only recognize two genders – male and female.¹

“A passport is not simply a document you need to bring on a trip, it is official recognition by the Federal Government of your identity, of who you are. Through these reported policy changes, the Trump Administration is continuing an unholy hostile action against our transgender and non-binary friends & loved ones. **At a time when we continue to be bombarded with so much information and fear, we are here to break through the noise and make sure the community knows we are here to help you.**” Monroe County Clerk Jamie Romeo said.

Brighton Town Clerk Daniel Aman added, “Every day, residents come into our offices looking for assistance in a variety of transactions and services. As U.S. Passport agents, Clerk Romeo and I are both here to make sure that anyone who may be impacted by this denial of services know that our offices are safe spaces where they can come and we will work with you to figure out next best steps.”

With the TSA’s REAL ID deadline of May 7, 2025 approaching, the denial of U.S. Passport services, and President Trump’s Executive Order withdrawing recognition of the “X” sex marker; many concerns remain. Today County Clerk Romeo and Brighton Clerk Aman stand to simply say as we continue to monitor these potential impacts, we are with you.

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¹ “State Department to suspend passport applications seeking sex-marker changes.” 1/25/2025, nbcnews.com