

Civil Court of the State of New York
County of New York

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In the Matter of the Application of

OLD NAME

for Leave to Assume the Name of

NEW NAME
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PETITION FOR
INDIVIDUAL ADULT
CHANGE OF NAME

Index No. _____

I, OLD NAME, by this petition, allege:

1. Petitioner's present name is OLD NAME.
2. The name which Petitioner proposes to assume in place and stead of Petitioner's present name is (First) NEW FIRST (Middle) NEW MIDDLE (Last) NEW LAST.
3. Petitioner was born on DOB in XXX. A copy of Petitioner's out of state Birth Certificate, under certificate number XXXX is attached as Exhibit A / OR / An original New York City/State Birth Certificate, under certificate number XXXX is attached as Exhibit A.
4. Petitioner currently resides at ADDRESS, and intends to remain at this address for the foreseeable future.
5. Petitioner has never been married and is not responsible for Spousal Support.
6. Petitioner has no minor children and no obligations for Child Support.
7. a) Petitioner has criminal convictions but is not currently under the supervision of Parole or Probation for any of the felonies enumerated in N.Y.

Civil Rights Law § 61.

- b) Petitioner has never been adjudicated bankrupt.
 - c) There are no judgments or liens of record against Petitioner.
 - d) There are no other proceedings pending to which Petitioner is a party.
8. Petitioner has not made a previous application for a change of name in this or any other Court.
9. The grounds for this application are as follows: Petitioner wants to change their name to NEW NAME because Petitioner feels this name reflects their gender identity more accurately. Part of Petitioner's process of self-determination changing their name to a name that better suits them.
10. Pursuant to Civil Rights Law § 64-a, Petitioner respectfully requests that the publication provisions of Civil Rights Law § 63 and 64 be waived and rendered inapplicable because publication would jeopardize their personal safety based upon the totality of petitioner's circumstances. Publication would out Petitioner as a trans person to the general public and violence against trans people permeates our society. § 64-a(1) no longer requires specific instances of or a personal history of threat to personal safety and was recently amended to explicitly codify *Matter of E.P.L.*, 26 Misc. 3d 336 at 338 (N.Y. Sup. Ct., Westchester County 2009), which waived the publication requirements for trans individuals without a particularized history of violence or crimes against them, aptly finding that "there exist numerous documented instances of those targeted for violence based on their sexual orientation or gender identity." Should the Court require publication,

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court's order omit Petitioner's address from publication for the same reasons.

11. Should the Court deny this request, Petitioner respectfully requests that for financial reasons, publication be ordered in the New York Law Journal or The Irish Echo, designated newspapers in New York County.
12. Petitioner further requests that, pursuant to proceeding as a poor person and the issuing of the Judge's order, three free certified copies be provided to Petitioner at no cost. The reason for such request is that it would result in financial hardship for Petitioner to pay the additional costs needed to bring proof of their name change to the necessary government agencies.
13. Should the Court find this petition deficient in any aspect, Petitioner respectfully requests leave to renew the application with additional information as the Court may require.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner respectfully prays that an Order be granted permitting this requested change of name.

DATED: New York, New York

OLD NAME

VERIFICATION

State of New York }
 } ss::
County of New York }

I, OLD NAME, being duly sworn, say that I am the petitioner named above, that I have read the petition and know the truth of the contents thereof except for matters alleged to be on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

OLD NAME

Sworn to before me this
____ day of _____, 2016

Notary Public