



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

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October 10, 2022

c/o [REDACTED]

Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion – F-22-4

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

We received on September 23, 2022, your attached request for an advisory opinion. You indicate that you have more than one felony conviction and that your request is on whether you are eligible to vote in Florida, including whether you have any outstanding legal financial obligations under section 98.0751, Florida Statutes, which would otherwise make you ineligible to vote and if so, a statement of the amount that must be paid to make you eligible to vote, and an explanation of how the amount was calculated.

The Division hereby responds to your request pursuant to its legal authority under section 106.23(2), Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code Rule 1S-2.010, to provide an advisory opinion to you as an individual seeking to be involved in a political activity (voting) and the particular activity in your inquiry (eligibility to vote).

Per Rule 1S-2.010(4)(f), the requestor must provide the precise factual circumstances giving rise to the request. You reference two cases in which you believe you were adjudicated guilty of committing at least one felony:

- (1) [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]
- (2) [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]

As it relates to case, [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED], you were originally sentenced to a term of 2 years of probation. As part of your sentence, you were ordered to pay \$943.00 in fines, fees, and costs. You subsequently violated your probation, which resulted in a term of confinement to the county jail for 8 months, imposed on or about August 12, 2009, in your second case, [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]. You

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were also ordered to pay \$250.00 in fines, fees, and costs. Later, on August 21, 2017, your sentence in case ██████-CF-█████ was amended, requiring you to pay \$1,046.00 in fines, fees, and costs.

The Division's review of the applicable records indicate that you have paid all the amounts you owe as a result of your felon convictions. Accordingly, the Division finds that the amount of legal financial obligations related to your felony convictions in the above-referenced cases that must be paid to make you eligible to vote is \$0.00. See Article VI, Fla. Const. § 98.0751, Fla. Stat. (articulating restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence). We conclude based upon the information that you provided, and we verified, that you are eligible to vote.

The Division thus finds that you were not convicted of a permanent disqualifying offense, you are not currently incarcerated, and you are not currently on probation or some other type of supervised release, and you do not have any outstanding legal financial obligations.

Please note that the findings in this opinion are based solely upon the two cases located from the personal identifying information you provided in your request for an advisory opinion. You have not indicated any other specific convictions in any statewide or national jurisdictions and the Division does not opine as to whether any other convictions exist nor whether any such other convictions would interfere with your eligibility.

Thank you for submitting your request. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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