



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

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Governor

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Secretary of State

February 5, 2024

Attn: [REDACTED]

Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion – F-24-1

Dear [REDACTED],

We received your request for an advisory opinion. You indicate that you have one or more felony convictions and request whether you are eligible to vote, 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. In your request, you identify yourself as [REDACTED] and give your date of birth as [REDACTED]. In your request, you have provided several case numbers, the courts that these charges arose in, and your current address. However, you have not confirmed whether you have used other names for identification. As such, our review is based only on the information that you provided to us. The Division was able to determine the following:

In [REDACTED] County:

1. F-[REDACTED]

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As it relates to case [REDACTED], our records indicate that you were sentenced to 12 months of probation for a felony offense, adjudication withheld, on April 7, 1992. You were subsequently found to have violated your probation multiple times, but the court did not impose guilt for the initial felony offense. Only a felony conviction makes you ineligible to vote in Florida. See Art. VI, § 4, Fla. Const. (“No person convicted of a felony . . . shall be qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil rights or removal of disability.”). Accordingly, the Division finds that case [REDACTED] does not affect your voting eligibility.

In [REDACTED] County:

2. [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED], our records indicate that you were not convicted of a felony offense. Only a felony conviction makes you ineligible to vote in Florida. See Art. VI, § 4, Fla. Const. (“No person convicted of a felony . . . shall be qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil rights or removal of disability.”). Accordingly, the Division finds that case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED] does not affect your voting eligibility.

3. [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of one felony offense and sentenced to time served on April 2, 2009. You were also ordered to pay \$750.00 in fines, fees, and costs. Our records indicate that you have paid all of your outstanding fines, fees, and costs in case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe \$0.00 stemming from your felony conviction in case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED].

4. [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of one felony offense and sentenced to time served on April 2, 2009. You were also ordered to pay \$650.00 in fines, fees, and costs. Our records indicate that you have paid all of your outstanding fines, fees, and costs in case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe \$0.00 stemming from your felony conviction in case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED].

5. [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of one felony offense and sentenced to 60 days of jail on June 16, 2009. You were also ordered to pay \$700.00 in fines, fees, and costs. Our records indicate that you have paid all of your outstanding fines, fees, and costs in case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe \$0.00 stemming from your felony conviction in case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED].

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The Division of Elections 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(1), (2)(a)5.b., Fla. Stat. (articulating restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence including the payment of all fines, fees, and costs). We conclude, based upon the information we located, that you are eligible to vote.

Nothing in this opinion should be construed as evaluating your voting eligibility with respect to any other felony convictions you may have. If there are additional cases or convictions you would like the Division to examine, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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

Sincerely,

Florida Division of Elections