



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

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July 19, 2024

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VIA E-mail: [REDACTED]

Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion F-24-7

Dear Ms. [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 your birthdate as [REDACTED]. You provide the county in which your offenses occurred but do not give any case numbers or type of crimes. As such, our review is based only on the information that you provided to us. The Division was able to determine the following:

In Sarasota County:

1. [REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of a felony offense on July [REDACTED]. You were sentenced to 3 years of probation and ordered to pay a fee. Our records indicate that, on July [REDACTED], the Court terminated your probation and released

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you from probation. Financial records from the county also show that you completed payment of all fines, fees, and costs associated with the felony conviction. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$00.00** stemming from your felony conviction in case [REDACTED].

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