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November 1, 2024

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VIA E-mail: [REDACTED]

Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion F-24-11

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 Charlotte County:

1. [REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of a felony offense on [REDACTED], and sentenced to four months of imprisonment. You were also ordered to pay \$200.00 in fines, fees, and costs. Our records indicate that you have paid \$150.00

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in fines, fees, and costs in case [REDACTED]. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$50.00** stemming from your felony conviction in case [REDACTED].

2. [REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of a felony offense on [REDACTED], and sentenced to a total of seven months imprisonment for a felony offense. In addition, you were sentenced to **\$200.00** in fines, fees, and costs. Our records indicate that you have paid **\$200.00** in fines, fees, and costs in case [REDACTED]. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$0.00** from your felony conviction in fines, fees, and costs for case [REDACTED] F.

3. [REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of a felony offense on [REDACTED], and sentenced to seven months imprisonment. You were also ordered to pay **\$200.00** in fines, fees, and costs. Our records indicate that you have not paid any of your outstanding fines, fees, and costs in case [REDACTED]. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$200.00** stemming from your felony conviction in case [REDACTED].

4. [REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of a felony offense on [REDACTED]. You were placed on probation and ordered to pay **\$750.00** in fines, fees, and costs. You later violated that probation. The Court resentenced you and ordered you to pay **\$100.00**. Our records indicate that you have not paid any of the outstanding fines, fees, and costs in case [REDACTED]. Accordingly, the Division finds that, for purposes of voting, you owe **\$850.00** stemming from your felony conviction in case [REDACTED].

5. [REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of a felony offense on [REDACTED]. You were placed on a period of probation and ordered to pay **\$817.00** in fines, fees, and costs. You later you violated your probation. The judge ordered you to pay **\$100.00** as your fines, fees, and costs. Our records indicate that you have not paid any of the outstanding fines, fees, and costs in case [REDACTED]. Accordingly, the Division finds that, for the purposes of voting, you owe **\$917.00** stemming from your felony conviction in case [REDACTED].

Accordingly, due to the failure to pay **\$2,167.00**, in fines, fees, and costs, you have not paid all fines, fees, and costs associated with your felony convictions and are ineligible to vote. *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 ineligible to vote.

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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