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Governor

LAUREL M. LEE Secretary of State

August 17, 2020

(via email –)

Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion F-20-3

Dear :

An attorney from the Office of General Counsel spoke with you on or about July 8, 2020, to acknowledge receipt of your request and explain the state of the law, including automatic restoration of voting rights upon completion of all terms of a felony sentence. It was indicated to you that while you were not required to wait for an advisory opinion if you believed you had satisfied all terms of your sentence(s), the Division would nevertheless address your request in due course.

The Division has now had an opportunity to review your court records and responds to your request pursuant to its legal authority under section 106.23(2), Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code Rule 1S-2.010, in that you are an individual seeking to be involved in political activity (voting) and the inquiry concerns that activity (eligibility to vote).



"Adjudication Withheld." That is not a conviction and would not make you ineligible to vote. Nor did we find any other felony convictions. Thus, we conclude that your right to vote was never lost.

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

Sincerely,

Florida Division of Elections