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Governor

**LAUREL M. LEE**Secretary of State

August 18, 2020



Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion F-20-10

Dear ,

On June 30, 2020, we received from you the attached request for an advisory opinion pursuant to the form and procedure articulated by the court in Jones et al. v. DeSantis et al.; U.S. District Court, Northern District, Case No. 4:19cv300-RH/MJF.

Although initially you did not make any selection as to the information sought, upon receiving a letter from the Division of Elections informing you of such, you called and advised that you believe you have satisfied all felony conviction legal financial obligations, but are still seeking an opinion confirming as such.

Although the district court's decision has been stayed by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Division nevertheless 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).

Rule 1S-2.010(f) requires the requestor to provide the precise factual circumstances giving rise to the request. Although in your written request you did not provide information regarding any of your felony convictions, and as a result, your request would not otherwise satisfy the requirements of the Rule, we were able to locate Florida felony records for you using the name and date of birth you provided, along with the information you confirmed in a follow up telephone call. Specifically, Division of Elections staff located the following felony case with a conviction in County:



Amount ordered at sentencing: \$200 Amount paid: \$200

The Division of Elections finds that the amount of legal financial obligations related to your felony conviction in the above-referenced case that must be paid to make you eligible to vote is **§0.00.** *See* Article VI, Fla. Const. and section 98.0751, Fla. Stat. (articulating restoration of voting rights upon all terms of a felony sentence). Please see attached Judgment and Sentence and final payment receipt. We conclude, based upon the information we located indicating that you satisfied the terms of your sentence, that you are eligible to vote.

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

Sincerely,

Florida Division of Elections