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May 12, 2023

[REDACTED]
c/o [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Via Email: [REDACTED]

Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion – F-23-9

Dear Ms. [REDACTED],

We received on April 26, 2023, your request for an advisory opinion. You indicate that you have one or more felony convictions and that your request is on 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]. Additionally, you referenced one county in which you believe you have been convicted of a felony offense, but you did not provide any additional information such as the number of offenses, the case numbers for those offenses, the years that those offenses took place, whether you believe you have paid all of your outstanding legal financial obligations, whether you have completed any prison or community control portions of your sentences, or any information as to whether you have satisfied any restitution orders. The Division's ability to determine an individual's eligibility to vote is hampered when it does not receive such information.

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Nonetheless, the Division was able to find the following felony cases in two counties associated with your file:

1. [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]
4. [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 ninety days in jail on November 3, 2016. You were also ordered to pay **\$842.50** in fines, fees, and costs related to your felony offense. Our records further indicate that you have not paid any of your outstanding fines, fees, and costs stemming from case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$842.50** stemming from your felony conviction in case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED].

As it relates to case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of one felony and sentenced to 18 months of probation on January 14, 2020. You were also ordered to pay **\$1,237.50** in fines, fees, and costs. You subsequently violated your probation and were sentenced to 120 days in jail on April 26, 2017. You were also ordered to pay an additional **\$5,128.50** in fines, fees, and costs. Our records indicate that you have paid \$461.84 towards the fines, fees, and costs stemming from your felony conviction in case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$5,957.66** stemming from your felony conviction in case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED].

As it relates to case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of one felony and sentenced to 6 months of community control on April 23, 2014. You were also ordered to pay **\$603.00** in fines, fees, and costs related to your felony offense. Our records indicate that you have paid all of your fines, fees, and costs stemming from case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$0.00** stemming from your felony conviction in case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED].

As it relates to case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of two felonies and sentenced to 24 months of community control on October 25, 2016. You were also ordered to pay **\$3,066.50** in fines, fees, and costs related to your felony offense. You subsequently violated your community control and were sentenced to 9 months of jail on June 20, 2017. You were additionally ordered to pay an additional **\$250.00**. Our records indicate that you have paid \$878.00 towards your fines, fees, and costs stemming from case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$2,438.50** stemming from your felony conviction in case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED].

As it relates to case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of one felony and sentenced to 24 months of probation on January 23, 2014. You were also ordered to pay **\$505.00** in fines, fees, and costs related to your felony offense. Our records indicate that you

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have paid all of your fines, fees, and costs stemming from case █████-CF-█████. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$0.00** stemming from your felony conviction in case █████-CF-█████.

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 **\$9,238.66**. *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.

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

Sincerely,

Florida Division of Elections