



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

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December 20, 2022

c/o [REDACTED]

Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion – F-22-15

Dear [REDACTED],

We received on September 12, 2022, your request for an advisory opinion. You indicate that you may have more than one felony conviction and that your request is on whether you are eligible to vote in Florida, 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. You reference five felony convictions and two traffic cases in your request, and the Division has found the following cases associated with your file:

- (1) [REDACTED] -CF- [REDACTED]
- (2) [REDACTED] -CT- [REDACTED]
- (3) [REDACTED] -CF- [REDACTED]
- (4) [REDACTED] -CT- [REDACTED]
- (5) [REDACTED] -CF- [REDACTED]
- (6) [REDACTED] -CF- [REDACTED]
- (7) [REDACTED] -CF- [REDACTED]

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As it relates to cases ■-CF-■, ■-CT-■, ■-CT-■, and ■-CF-■, our records indicate that none of these cases resulted in a felony conviction.

As it relates to case ■-CF-■, our records indicate that you entered a plea of no contest to a first-degree felony and a first-degree misdemeanor, and you were sentenced to 180 days of jail and two years of drug offender probation on August 2, 2006. Subsequently, the court found that you violated your probation and re-sentenced you on August 30, 2007. The court sentenced you to 366 days of prison and ordered you to pay **\$1,237.07** in costs, fees, and fines. Our records indicate that you have paid \$301.61 towards that amount.

As it relates to case ■-CF-■, our records indicate that you entered a plea of no contest to one misdemeanor and one third-degree felony, and you were sentenced to 41 days, time served, and 18 months of probation on May 19, 2014. Subsequently, the court found that you violated the terms of your probation and re-sentenced you on October 21, 2014. The court sentenced you to 10 months of jail and ordered you to pay **\$868.00** related to count two, the third-degree felony. Our records also indicate that you have only paid \$282.08 of your outstanding legal financial obligations in this matter.

As it relates to case ■-CF-■, our records indicate that you entered a plea of no contest to a second-degree felony and a first-degree misdemeanor, and you were sentenced to 30 months of prison on June 22, 2016. You were also ordered to pay **\$1,005.00** in fees, fines, and costs. Our records also indicate that you have paid \$921.68 towards that amount.

The Division finds that, based on the aforementioned cases, you still owe \$935.46 in case ■-CF-■, \$585.92 in case ■-CF-■, and \$83.32 in case ■-CF-■. Until those amounts are satisfied, you have not completed all the terms of your sentences as it relates to your aforementioned felony convictions. Accordingly, the Division finds that you are ineligible to vote until you pay **\$1,604.70**.

Please note that the findings in this opinion are based solely upon the cases located from the personal identifying information you provided in your request for an advisory opinion. You have not indicated any other specific convictions in any statewide or national jurisdictions and the Division does not opine as to whether any other convictions exist nor whether any such other convictions would interfere with your eligibility.

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

Sincerely,

Florida Division of Elections