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May 12, 2023

[REDACTED]
c/o [REDACTED]

Via Email: [REDACTED]

Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion – F-23-8

Dear Mr. [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 a single 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 associated with your file:

1. ██████ -CF- ██████
2. ██████ -CF- ██████
3. ██████ -CF- ██████
4. ██████ -CF- ██████
5. ██████ -CF- ██████

As it relates to case ██████ -CF- ██████, our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of one felony on March 2, 2021. Our records further show that felony was a sexual offense that required you to register with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement as a Sex Offender. Accordingly, you are ineligible to vote until your civil rights have been restored by the Office of Executive Clemency. Art. VI, § 4(b), Fla. Const. (“No person convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense shall be qualified to vote until restoration of civil rights.”); *see also* § 98.0751(1), (2)(b)1., Fla. Stat. (defining “Felony sexual offense” to include “Any felony offense that serves as a predicate to registration as a sexual offender in accordance with s. 943.0435”).

The Division of Elections finds that you are ineligible to vote because you were convicted of a felony sexual offense. § 98.0751(1), Fla. Stat. Because of this finding, the Division declines to address any outstanding legal financial obligations, including restitution, you may have in any of your aforementioned felony cases.

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

Sincerely,

Florida Division of Elections