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*A message from the Supervisor:*

I encourage ex-felons who are confident that their voting rights are restored by Amendment 4 to register and vote. If they are registering in good faith without intent to commit fraud, they will not be prosecuted for voter fraud. This is the joint message from both me and the State Attorney, Jack Campbell.

If an ex-felon has satisfied their term of sentence in prison or as part of a supervised release program such as parole or probation and believes that they have satisfied all financial obligations required by the court, they should not be afraid to register.

If a person is uncertain whether all their financial obligations are satisfied, then it becomes more complicated.

There is uncertainty among myself, state attorneys, and clerks of courts as to the requirements for fulfilling the various types of court imposed financial obligations, as well as to the ability for some ex-felons to determine the status of their obligations and payments.

At this point, there is also no guidance from the courts as to the proper interpretation of Amendment 4.

But prosecution for falsely swearing the oath of registration should only be a concern if there is specific intent to commit fraud by registering to vote when a person knows they are not eligible. I will only forward such cases to the State Attorney if I see evidence of specific intent to commit voter fraud. If a voter makes an honest mistake, that is not intent to commit fraud.

However, it must be stressed that the decision to take the oath of registration is up to the potential registrant.

-Mark Earley