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Former Hawthorne Mayor Pleads Guilty

Former Hawthorne Mayor Daniel “Danny” Juarez pleaded guilty today to one felony count of conflict of interest after he falsely claimed to have donated to a Hawthorne police officer’s memorial fund, the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office announced.

Juarez, 61, was immediately sentenced by Superior Court Commissioner Mark Zuckman, who ordered him to pay \$2,000 to the officer’s memorial fund, said Deputy District Attorney Alison Matsumoto Estrada with the Public Integrity Division.

Juarez, who was barred from holding public office for life, also was ordered to complete 200 hours of community service and pay \$8,000 to the state’s victim restitution fund. He was placed on probation for five years.

Juarez admitted that while he was the community relations director for the American Youth Soccer Organization, he received \$2,500 from the group to donate to the Officer Andrew Garton Memorial Fund. The Hawthorne police officer was killed in a 2011 motorcycle accident while escorting a funeral procession.

Juarez instead used the money for personal use.

The case was investigated by the D.A.’s Bureau of Investigation.

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