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Former Glendale Mayor Pleads Guilty to Embezzlement, Other Charges

Former Glendale Mayor John Drayman pleaded guilty today to stealing nearly \$305,000 from a Montrose farmers' market over eight years and failing to pay taxes, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorneys Susan Schwartz and Dana Aratani with the Public Integrity Division said Drayman will be sentenced to one year in county jail and ordered to repay \$304,853 to the Montrose Shopping Park Association and \$14,016 to the California Franchise Tax Board. He also will be placed on five years formal probation.

Drayman, 55, returns to court on April 7 for sentencing before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Stephen A. Marcus.

Drayman pleaded guilty to one felony count each of embezzlement, filing a false tax return and perjury.

Drayman admitted embezzling money he collected from the weekly farmers' market while he served as director of the Montrose Shopping Park Association, which ran the market. The embezzlement occurred between Jan. 1, 2004 and April 30, 2011.

The Glendale Police Department and the Franchise Tax Board launched an investigation in May 2011 after the association discovered the embezzlement.

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