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NEWARK — Passaic Mayor Alex Blanco pleaded guilty Thursday to a federal bribery charge, admitting he received \$110,000 in payments from developers in exchange for directing federal housing funds to their projects.

Blanco, podiatrist and father of four, had been mayor since 2008 and earned \$72,000 yearly. He resigned Thursday and faces up to a decade in prison.

The City Council planned an emergency meeting for 7 p.m. Thursday to appoint an acting mayor. [MORE](#)