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Raia sentenced to 3 months in prison for Hoboken cash-for-votes scheme

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Frank Raia, the Hoboken politico who [orchestrated a vote-by-mail scheme](#) while a city council candidate in 2013, was sentenced to three months in prison Monday.

The developer and one-time school board trustee was also ordered to one year of supervised released and fined \$50,000 when he was sentenced in federal court. The sentencing of Dio Braxton, who pleaded guilty to conspiring with Raia, was postponed.

Raia was found guilty in June of paying residents — most of them living in public housing — \$50 for their votes. At the time, Raia was running for an at-large seat on the Hoboken City Council. He finished seventh in a 10-person field for the three seats.

Raia, who is a developer, also ran unsuccessfully in a special election for mayor in November 2009, a few months after Peter Cammarano resigned.

Three others — Matt Calicchio, Lizaida Camis and William Rojas — [all pleaded guilty to their roles](#) in a cash-for-votes scheme in 2013 or 2015.

A number of witnesses testified at Raia's trial that they were told by Raia to offer \$50 to low-income voters living in subsidized housing to cast their vote for the One Hoboken slate, as well as for a referendum that would have [weakened rent control laws](#). Raia was a member of the One Hoboken slate.

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