

Statement by Mayor John Stephens on the passing of Senator Dianne Feinstein

For the past 3 decades, Dianne Feinstein has been the Senator of our great State of California. So it is with great sadness that I learned today of her passing. Like the rest of our City, State and Nation, I mourn her loss while we honor and celebrate her incredible life.

Senator Feinstein was a trailblazer who broke through the glass ceiling, inspiring generations of women who followed her. She was the first woman to serve on the Senate Judiciary Committee, the first woman to chair the Senate Rules Committee, and the first woman to chair the Senate Intelligence Committee. She also is the longest-serving woman in Senate history. Senator Feinstein courageously continued her service to the Country through numerous health issues until her last days.

Senator Feinstein was not afraid to work across the aisle to pass landmark legislation that would prove beneficial to California and the Country.

Prior to being a Senator, she was Mayor of San Francisco and served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. She was a pillar of strength during the tragic 1978 assassinations of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk.

On behalf of the City of Costa Mesa, I send my condolences to Senator Feinstein's family for their profound loss.