

Former San Francisco Mayor and Senator Dianne Feinstein
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Remembering S.F. Mayor/U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein



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Mourning the Loss of Our Former Mayor—a Friend to the Irish in San Francisco

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As we join the country in mourning the loss of San Francisco native Dianne Feinstein, we recall her many contributions in fostering community and cultural appreciation, and we are forever grateful for her support of our Irish community.

While serving as San Francisco District 2 Supervisor, Dianne Feinstein was a key figure in the opening of the United Irish Cultural Center in 1975, alongside former SF Mayor Joseph Alioto. As we know well today, this cultural center has played a vital role in promoting Irish heritage and fostering community throughout the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

Ever-present in our local community and cultural events from parades and Irish flag raisings, Feinstein made SF Irish history again in 1984 by solidifying the San Francisco—Cork Sister City

relationship. Then Mayor Feinstein led a delegation of 250 San Franciscans to Cork in 1985. Subsequently Mayors Jordan, Newsom, Lee, and Breed have continued the tradition leading successful missions of citizen diplomats from the Bay Area to foster cultural and business ties, a vision first championed by President Eisenhower in 1956.

Right up through recent times, the late Senator Feinstein played a vital role as a supporter of our vision for a new Irish Center—Project 2025— further demonstrating her unwavering commitment to fostering cultural connections and community development in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Feinstein was often referred to as "The Lady" due to her distinguished and influential political career. She was known for her strong advocacy on various issues, including gun control, environmental protection, and national security. Her legacy continues to influence California politics and policy.

Dianne Feinstein was a San Francisco supervisor from 1970-78 and served as Board President before becoming mayor in 1978 after the assassination of Mayor George Moscone. She served as Mayor for ten years. She was elected to the Senate in 1992 becoming the first female Senator in U.S. history. She will long be remembered for her dedication to public service and her contributions to the state of California and to the United States. Our hearts are with her family and friends as they mourn her loss.

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Pictured at the United Irish Cultural Center of San Francisco in 1983 at the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Rebel Cork Benevolent Association Diane Feinstein (then Mayor of San Francisco) with Jack Lynch (former Taoiseach of Ireland)