

Not Fine with Feinstein?

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Could it be that Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Democrat of California, may not be liberal enough?

The San Francisco Democrat has ostensibly represented the Golden State in the United States Senate for the last 26 years. Before that, Feinstein spent eight years on San Francisco's Board of Supervisors and then a decade as mayor.

Now, after 44 consecutive years as a public official, what does the 85-year-old Feinstein seek? *More*. That is, *another* six-year lease on her powerful perch in the U.S. Senate.

But the Executive Board of the California Democratic Party — Feinstein's Party — just said,

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"No way!"

A whopping 65 percent of the 333-member



board opted for State Sen. Kevin de León, a fellow Democrat seen as more "progressive." Only seven percent supported endorsing Feinstein.

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In February, 2,700 activists at the State Democratic Party Convention in San Diego voted 54 to 37 percent for State Sen. De León over U.S. Sen. Feinstein.

"Feinstein, who spends much of her time in Washington, has had a distant relationship with party activists for years," noted the *Los Angeles Times* report.

Still, what Democratic Party activists want may not matter so much. Mrs. Feinstein enjoys tremendous name recognition and, according to the *Times*, has "\$7 million in campaign cash socked away as of May, ten times what De León had."

That money seems to be Sen. Feinstein's real base of support.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.