

Feinstein runs a new flag up the pole

Mayor Feinstein has selected a new flag to replace the Confederate Flag torn from its Civic Center pole by members of a radical group that considers it a symbol of racism.

The new banner is called the "California 100 Flag," which also dates back to the Civil War but which reflects the spirit of the Union.

During the war years, according to flag experts, 100 Californians volunteered to fight on the side of the North. They paid their own travel expenses east to fight against slavery and designed their own flag.

The upper half of the flag is red and has yellow initials "U. S." The lower half is white with a California bear.

The choice of the flag was suggested by Wallace Levin of the Veterans Affairs Council. Feinstein announced her decision to use the flag yesterday when Levin was sworn in to a new term on the council.

The Confederate flag, one of 18 historic flags flying at Civic Center Plaza, was torn down earlier this month by members of the Spartacist League.