Dixie flag won’t rise again, Feinstein decides

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"I want to make it very clear that my decision is based only on Supervisor Ward’s request," Feinstein said. "I’m not impressed because some group shimmies up a flag pole and tears down a flag."

The flag, part of an 18-flag display of historical banners that flies in Civic Center Plaza, was torn down twice this week by Richard Bradley, a member of the Spartacist League and the Labor Black League for Social Defense.

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During press conferences in front of City Hall yesterday, Bradley said he would continue to climb the flagpole and tear down the flag as often as the City puts up a replacement.

"We got tired of seeing this racist, filthy flag flying," Bradley said. Spartacist League member Al Nelson said, "We’re going to keep that flag down. That’s a promise."

Tom Malloy, general manager of the city’s Recreation and Parks Department, said Monday he intended to replace the flag indefinitely.

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Ward said he was prompted to act because he felt the flag was offensive and should not be displayed in a public place.

"I don’t want to stand for a flag that represents a part of America’s history," he said. "I want to a flag that represents America’s future.

"I think it’s a legitimate concern," Feinstein said. "We will take a look at how history can be depicted with another flag."

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