

The Honorable Barbara Boxer

U.S. Representative of California (1983–1993) and U.S. Senator of California (1993–2017)

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Close Friends

The Honorable Barbara Boxer talks about her close bond with future Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.
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Well, we were really close, close friends because we both represented San Francisco at the time of AIDS. She had never held office before. She had led the Democratic Party and was a great organizer and a great Democrat, and she had raised all these kids, so it took her a while before she was ready to, you know, run for office. So when she came in, I had been there a few years, so obviously I could, I introduced her to everyone that I became friendly with. We had a group that used to go out to dinner every Wednesday night—I think it was Wednesday night—and then we, she was part of the group. I integrated the group, then I brought Nancy in, and Barbara Kennelly in, and others, but it was all men at first. And it was a terrific group of people. Pretty diverse group of people, including Republicans and Democrats, and we'd go out. I, I don't know, I'm trying to remember if it was—Tuesday night I think it was. We went out every Tuesday night. And so we became fast friends.