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*Never underestimate the power
of activism.*

Mimi Silbert

PRESIDENT, DELANCEY STREET FOUNDATION. AGE: 54.

The power to remake lives—and an entire neighborhood. Could anyone but the iron-willed Mimi Silbert have had an entire block along the Embarcadero greenlighted to house ex-cons? These days the Delancey Street Foundation does a lot more than sell Christmas trees. Candidates use the halfway house/rehabilitation center's meeting halls to launch campaigns, and regularly show up for lunch at the Delancey Street Restaurant.