

# Urban Forestry Council Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

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Evaluator's name: Kelaine Vargas

Date of evaluation: Oct. 19, 2009

Scientific name: *Araucaria heterophylla*

Common name: Norfolk Island pine

Street address: Courtyard at 2040 Sutter St.

Cross streets: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rarity**     Yes     Partially     No

**Rarity:**  Rare     Uncommon     Common     Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: There are only three Norfolk Island Pine trees along the streets of San Francisco, although more exist in backyards and parks. Nevertheless, the species is unusual.

**Physical Attributes**     Yes     Partially     No

**Size:**  Large     Medium     Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: This is a large and impressive specimen.

**Age:**  Yes     No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: It's size suggests advanced age.

**Distinguished form:**  Yes     No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: This specimen is well-formed.

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**Tree condition:**      Good      Poor      Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: The tree appears to be in very good health.

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**Historical**      Yes      Partially      No

**Historical Association:**      Yes      None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Profiled in a publication or other media:**      Yes      Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Environmental**      Yes      Partially      No

**Prominent landscape feature:**      Yes      No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Low tree density:**      Low      Moderate      High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Interdependent group of trees:**      Yes      No

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way:**      Yes      No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**High traffic area:**     \_\_\_Yes     \_X\_No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Important wildlife habitat:**     \_\_\_Yes     \_X\_No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

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**Erosion control:**     \_\_\_Yes     \_X\_No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Wind or sound barrier:**     \_\_\_Yes     \_X\_No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cultural**   \_\_\_ Yes   \_\_\_ Partially   \_X\_ No

**Neighborhood appreciation:**     \_\_\_ Yes     \_X\_ None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cultural appreciation:**     \_\_\_Yes     \_X\_ None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Planting contributes to neighborhood character:**     \_\_\_Yes     \_X\_No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Profiled in a publication or other media:**  Yes  Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Prominent landscape feature:**  Yes  No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Additional comments**

This tree, because of its significant size, provides the city of San Francisco with valuable environmental benefits in the form of ecosystem services, helping clean the air, reduce stormwater loads, and combat climate change through sequestering carbon. Few trees in the city are as large (particularly in very urban areas like Sutter St.) and therefore as valuable from an environmental perspective.

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Evaluator's name: Kelaine Vargas

Date of evaluation: Oct. 19, 2009

Scientific name: *Phoenix canariensis* (#1: crooked)

Common name: Canary Island Date palm

Street address: Courtyard at 2040 Sutter St.

Cross streets: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rarity**     Yes     Partially     No

**Rarity:**  Rare     Uncommon     Common     Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Attributes**     Yes     Partially     No

**Size:**  Large     Medium     Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:**  Yes     No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: Unknown.

**Distinguished form:**     Yes     No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: This tree was damaged approximately 20 years ago in a wind storm and has grown a crook in its trunk.

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**Tree condition:**      Good      Poor      Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Historical**      Yes      Partially      No

**Historical Association:**      Yes      None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Environmental**      Yes      Partially      No

**Prominent landscape feature:**      Yes      No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Low tree density:**      Low      Moderate      High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Interdependent group of trees:**      Yes      No

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way:**      Yes      No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**High traffic area:**     \_\_\_Yes     \_\_X\_No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Important wildlife habitat:**     \_\_\_Yes     \_\_X\_No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

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**Erosion control:**     \_\_\_Yes     \_\_X\_No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Wind or sound barrier:**     \_\_\_Yes     \_\_X\_No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural**   \_\_\_ Yes   \_\_\_ Partially   \_\_X\_ No

**Neighborhood appreciation:**     \_\_\_ Yes     \_\_X\_ None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Cultural appreciation:**     \_\_\_Yes     \_\_X\_None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Planting contributes to neighborhood character:**     \_\_\_Yes     \_\_X\_No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Describe coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

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A striking and outstanding natural feature.

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**Additional comments**

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Cross streets: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rarity:**  Rare     Uncommon     Common     Other

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**Physical Attributes**     Yes     Partially     No

**Size:**  Large     Medium     Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:**  Yes     No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: Unknown.

**Distinguished form:**     Yes     No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: The form of this specimen is average.

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**Tree condition:**       Good       Poor       Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: The lower half of the fronds are yellowed. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Historical**     Yes     Partially     No

**Historical Association:**       Yes       None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

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**Low tree density:**       Low       Moderate       High

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Tree prevents soil erosion.

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Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Planting contributes to neighborhood character:**     \_\_\_Yes     \_\_X\_No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Additional comments**

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