

# Urban Forestry Council

## Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code Section 810, the UFC has developed these criteria for evaluating potential landmark trees in San Francisco. When evaluating or considering potential landmark trees, please consider the context of the tree within its site location. For example, a tree on PUC land may not have the same community importance that a street or park tree would. Use comment sections, as appropriate, to explain or support evaluation. Attach sheets if more space is needed.

Evaluator's name: Mei Ling Hui

Date of evaluation: 10/19/09

Scientific name: Phoenix canariensis

Common name: Canary Island Date Palm #2

Street address: 2040 Sutter Street

Cross streets: Steiner Street

**Rarity** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Partially  No

**Rarity:** \_\_\_ Rare \_\_\_ Uncommon  Common \_\_\_ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: Extremely common tree in San Francisco

**Physical Attributes**  Yes \_\_\_ Partially \_\_\_ No

**Size:**  Large \_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_ Small

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

Comment: Tree is mature and large.

**Age:**  Yes \_\_\_ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: Tree is mature.

**Distinguished form:**  Yes \_\_\_ No

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

Describe: Tree leans significantly to the east, but appears to be stable.

**Tree condition:**  Good \_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_ Hazard

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

Describe:

**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: It was reported to me that a previous land owner, before the condos were built and the area was row houses, may have information on when the trees were planted and by whom, though these individuals were unreachable.

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

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

**Environmental**     Yes     Partially     No

**Prominent landscape feature:**     Yes     No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe: Tree is located in the center of the courtyard. It's lean makes the physical appearance more striking.

**Low tree density:**             Low             Moderate             High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

**Interdependent group of trees:**             Yes     No

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

Describe: This tree may have supported the Norfolk Island Pine by providing wind shelter while the NIP was growing.

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

**High traffic area:**             Yes             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.

**Important wildlife habitat:**             Yes             No

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

**Erosion control:**             Yes             No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

**Wind or sound barrier:**             Yes             No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: Tree may provide some wind shelter to the neighboring building, however, the buildings are taller than the trees and this is not likely. Likewise, the trees probably are not able to provide much in the way of sound barriers to the surrounding buildings.

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

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

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

Describe: The trees are located in the courtyard of a large building complex. To nominate this tree, the HOA's Board of Directors met to discuss the merits of the trees and agreed to nominated them. This shows community support for this process.

**Cultural appreciation:**                    \_\_\_ Yes                     None apparent

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

**Planting contributes to neighborhood character:**     Yes    \_\_\_ No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

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

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

**Prominent landscape feature:**  Yes    \_\_\_ No

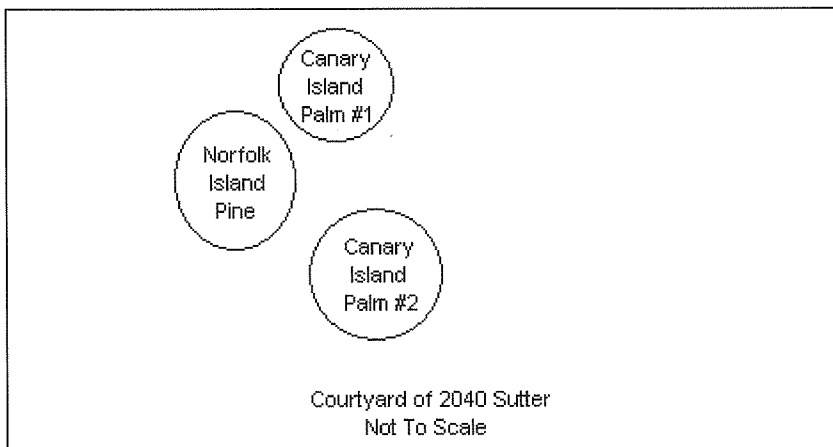
A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: Tree is large, striking and located in the center of the courtyard. It is visible from all parts of the outdoor space.

**Additional comments**

This is a common tree in San Francisco, but the way it's growing creates more interest for this specimen than the typical palm.

This form is for tree #2 located on the Northern edge of the courtyard and property line, closer to the Norfolk Island Pine; as shown in the following diagram:





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Landmark Tree Nomination Form

Disclaimer: Any information you include on this form will be part of the public record. Anyone may request to see the information you submit for a landmark tree nomination. For more legal information, see the last page of this form.

Who can nominate a landmark tree?

- The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board may nominate a tree.
The head of a City department or agency may nominate a tree on property under their jurisdiction. City departments and agencies should conduct an internal approval process before nominating a tree.
A property owner may nominate a tree on his or her property.
A member of the public may ask an authorized nominator to nominate a tree.

Please note that a permit will be required for any future removal of a landmark tree.

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code 810, the Urban Forestry Council requests the following information.

I am one of the following authorized nominators

- Property owner (checked)
Board of Supervisor member
Head of a city department or agency
Planning Commission member
Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board member

Authorized nominator (Supervisor, Planning Commission, Landmarks Advisory Board, Head of City Department, Property Owner):

Name
Address
Address
Phone (day)
Fax #
Email

I am an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

Signature
Date

Member of the public who initiated nomination (if applicable):

Sutter Park West HOA
Name
2040 Sutter Street
Address
2060 Sutter Street
Address
San Francisco, Ca 94115
Address
Phone (day) Citiscape Property Management
3450 Third St. Suite 1-A SF Ca 94124
Fax #
415 695 2999
Fax #
Email jcarney@citiscapetsf.com
Email
phone 415 401 2000

I am the property owner and I grant permission for city staff to evaluate the nominated tree on the property with advance notice.

Barbara Levin
Signature
9/15/09
Date
9/15/09

Board of Directors
Homeowner Spokesperson
Heather Levin
hlevin24@yahoo.com

The Urban Forestry Council will use the following criteria to evaluate each potential landmark tree. If you need more space to describe the tree, please attach additional sheets.

TREE DESCRIPTION

Tree name (species and common name): Phoenix Canisensis Canary Island Palm

Number of trees: two of two

Street address: Sutter Park West 2040/2060 Sutter Street  
San Francisco Cal 94115

- Location of Tree:  Front yard  Rear yard  Side yard  Corner-side yard  
 Public right-of-way  Public lands  Not sure  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If the tree which extends beyond multiple properties:

Which part of the tree does so?

- Trunk  Canopy

Where in the neighboring area?

- Front yard  Rear yard  Side yard  Corner-side yard

GPS units (OPTIONAL): \_\_\_\_\_

Height 50 feet

Average canopy width 16 feet  
Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy

Circumference at chest level 20 inches  
Distance around trunk at 4.5 ft off the ground. <http://www.isa-arbor.com/publications/tree-ord/heritage.aspx>

Circumference at ground level 29 inches  
Distance around trunk on the ground where the trunk meets the soil.

**Rarity**

Rarity:  Rare  Uncommon  Common  Other  
Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

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

**Physical**

Size:  Large  Medium  Small  
Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

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

Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: possible circa 1915?

Distinguished form:  Yes  No  
Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

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

Tree condition:  Good  Poor  Hazard  
Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

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

**Historical**

Historical Association:  Yes  None apparent  
Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Environmental

Prominent landscape feature:  Yes  No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

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

Low tree density:  Low  Moderate  High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

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

Interdependent group of trees:  Yes  No

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

Describe: very close to other canary island palm and norfolk pine.

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: Fillmore Street Sidewalk from side gate

High traffic area:  Yes  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  No

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Erosion control:  Yes  No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

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

Wind or sound barrier:  Yes  No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

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

\_\_\_\_\_



Cultural

Neighborhood appreciation:  Yes  None apparent

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

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

Cultural appreciation:  Yes  None apparent

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

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

Planting contributes to neighborhood character:  Yes  No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

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

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: large golden crown with symmetrical canopy  
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Additional comments

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