

# 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: Araucaria heterophylla

Common name: Norfolk Island Pine

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: Not the most uncommon tree in San Francisco, but due to it's size, not the most common tree either.

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

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

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

Comment: This specimen is very large.

**Age:**     Yes    \_\_\_ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: It is a mature tree.

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

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

Describe: The tree is incredibly beautiful and a good example of it's species. It's tall and straight, tapering towards the top, with lower branches drooping and higher branches curving upward. The branches are well spaced. It's just gorgeous.

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

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

Describe: Tree looks very healthy – though there is one spot of moss growing on the trunk near the base of the tree on the west side. The garden is quite shady.

**Historical**     Yes     Partially     No

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

**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, attach photo if possible: It is the most prominent feature of the courtyard garden, not only due to it's stature, but it's beautiful form and health.

**Low tree density:**             Low             Moderate             High  
Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

**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: This tree's early growth may have been supported by the palm trees, before it overtook them. While the tree is currently shading out one of the palms somewhat, as the palms grow, the Norfolk Island Pine may provide some wind shelter.

**Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way:**     Yes             No  
High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.  
Describe: This tree may be visible from other properties or even from a section of the street at the end of the courtyard, however, it is not highly visible nor publicly accessible.

**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: While the tree is significantly taller than adjacent buildings, given its location within an interior courtyard between buildings, it's not likely that there is much wind or noise to block.

**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: Tree is communally owned by the building's HOA; in order to submit this application, the HOA's Board of Director's had to approve the nominations, which they could not have done without community support.

**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.

Describe contribution: Tree creates character for the surrounding area.

**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: The shady and cool character of the courtyard area of the HOA is highly influenced by this tree.

**Additional comments**

Gorgeous, gorgeous tree.



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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.
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):

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

Name
Address
Address
Phone (day)
Fax #
Email

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

I am an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

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

Signature
Date

Signature [Handwritten Signature]
Date 9/15/09 9/15/09
Board of Directors

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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): Aravearia heterophylla

Number of trees: one Norfolk Island Pine

Street address: Sutterlark west - 2040/2060 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, Ca 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 85 feet

Average canopy width 20 feet  
Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy

Circumference at chest level 32 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 43 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: poss ≈ 60 year  
\_\_\_\_\_

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: close to and in between two large canary island palm trees

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: from sidewalk Fillmore Street at sidegate - visible

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: height, stunning branches  
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Additional comments

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