

SAN FRANCISCO URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

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):

George L. King, II
Name
4441 20th St.
Address
San Francisco CA 94114
Address
Phone (day)
Fax #
bionici@.aol.com
Email

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

Name
Address
Address
Phone (day)
Fax #
Email

I am an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

Signature
Date
JUNE 25, 2010

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
JUNE 25, 2010

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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): Species Cupressus Macrocarpa  
Common name: Monterey Cypress

Number of trees: One (1)

Street address: 4441 20th St SF CA 94114

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 approx 95 feet

Average canopy width approx 50 feet  
Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy

Circumference at chest level 130 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 174 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: While being a common species it is an uncommon tree of this size in a residential location.

**Physical**

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

Comment: This tree is equal or greater in scale than other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: Given the estimated lifespan of the species is 200-300 years, this tree is approximately 1/3 of its life at about 85 years old.

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 is a pristine example of this species and is noticed by many for its great form and scale.

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

Describe: Based on years of excellent maintenance and care there are no issues or concerns with this tree's condition.

**Historical**

Historical Association:  Yes  None apparent (see attach property history)  
 Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: This tree was most likely planted by Nicholas Morrissey, the second property owner, who also owned a horsebreeding business south of Market.

Profiled in a publication or other media:  Yes  Unknown (see attached card)  
 Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.

Describe coverage: Featured on a greeting card showing the Castro District Hillside

**Environmental**

**Prominent landscape feature:**  Yes  No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: this tree's branches and canopy are similar to a huge umbrella represented with branches (v shaped) and lots of green foliage

**Low tree density:**  Low  Moderate  High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: Not only is it low but over the past 15+ years many other trees of the same size have been removed.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: this tree is noticeable from several view points such as the intersection of Market & Eureka as well as from the Randall Museum.

**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: While it may not be calming, to vehicular traffic many people walking by will comment on its beauty and majestic look.

**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.

Describe: In addition to constant use by raccoons and squirrels, this tree has been home to many birds, including a hawk and its offspring.

**Erosion control:**  Yes  No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: Given a grade change on the Eureka Street hill the tree acts as a great foundation to the soil and absorbs much of the winter rains.

**Wind or sound barrier:**  Yes  No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: Given this tree's location to the Twin Peaks hill, the tree provides a break from wind off the hill as well as a barrier of sound off Eureka street traffic for several exposed residences.

**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: In its location, this tree provides a softer look

to the rooflines of the typical Victorian structures in the Castro.

**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: (see attached photos)

Additional comments

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If you have any questions about this form, tree terms or tree concepts, please contact the Urban Forestry Council staff (below). It is acceptable if you cannot provide some of the information requested on this form.

A photograph of the tree must be submitted with this form.

Please attach optional supporting documents such as letters, arborist report, etc.

Send to: Urban Forestry Council, c/o Mei Ling Hui, 11 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102  
OR meiling.hui@sfgov.org

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Application received date _____	Received by _____
Tree evaluation form _____	UFC recommendation date _____
Board of Supervisors Decision _____	_____
Landmark Tree # _____	Title recorded date _____