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: _____Jocelyn Cohen_____

Date of evaluation: _____August 26, 2010_____

Scientific name: _____Cupressus macrocarpa_____

Common name: _____Monterey cypress_____

Street address: _____4441 20th St, San Francisco, CA_____

Cross streets: _____Eureka_____

Rarity   ___ Yes   ___ Partially   _X No

Rarity: ____Rare   ____Uncommon   _X___Common   ____Other
Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.
Comment: _____Unusual to see a redwood of this size in a small San Francisco back garden

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Physical Attributes   ___ Yes   ___ Partially   ___ No

Size: __X_Large   ____Medium   ____Small
Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: _good trunk flare_____

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Age: ____Yes   _X No
Significantly advanced age for the species.
Comment: _In an urban setting,
yes_____

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Distinguished form: Yes   __X__No
Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.
Describe: ____Single, three co-dominant stems at about 15'-18' height. _____

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Tree condition: _X_Good   ____Poor   ____Hazard
Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard
Describe: _____lots of inner growth, tree appears vigorous, this inner growth is very important on mature trees, as it gives arborists an opportunity to reduce end weight and prune to keep vigor in the inner canopy not just at the tips.

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Historical   ___ Yes ___ Partially ___ No   X

Historical Association: ____ Yes   ____ None apparent
Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.
Describe nature of appreciation: __Not to my knowledge, but I do not know when the tree was planted and the circumstances._____

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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:
____Postcard_____

Environmental   X Yes ___ Partially ___ No

Prominent landscape feature: __X__Yes   ____No
A striking and outstanding natural feature.
Describe, attach photo if possible: ___ _____The tree majestically graces the back garden corridor of the block_____

Low tree density: ____Low   _X_Moderate   ____High
Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.
Describe: _____

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Interdependent group of trees: ____Yes   _X_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: _X_Yes   ____No
High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: __ Visible from street and community of surrounding homes.

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: ___It is calming to the cluster of homes surrounding the tree.

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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. Hawks, raccoons and squirrels sighted regularly by home owner

Erosion control: ____Yes   ____No
Tree prevents soil erosion.
Describe: _

Wind or sound barrier: _X__Yes   ____No
Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.
Describe: The tree has a quieting effect

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Cultural   ___ Yes   ___ Partially   ___ No

Neighborhood appreciation: _X_ Yes   ____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: _X_Yes   _ _None apparent
Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.
Describe nature of appreciation: __California native plant aficionados perhaps though thought not to be native to San Francisco_____

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Planting contributes to neighborhood character: _X_Yes   ____No
Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.
Describe contribution: Glen park is known for its rustic, somewhat rural, foresty feel. The home and tree are within minutes of Glen Canyon Park. This tree resides behind a small Glen Park cottage tucked away as one may suspect in GP. The tree creates a very woodsy, wild feel.

Profiled in a publication or other media: ____Yes   _X_Unknown
Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.
Describe coverage: _____

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Prominent landscape feature: _X_Yes   ____No
A striking and outstanding natural feature.
Describe, attach photo if possible: _____

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Additional comments

The Monterey cypress is another one of those back garden, urban forest surprises, and a residential

park tucked away on a neighborhood street. The tree creates a monumental feeling as it towers above

the homes in a tiny back garden parcel.

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