

**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: MALCOLM HILLAN
Date of evaluation: 8-28-10
Scientific name: CUPRESSUS MACROCARPA
Common name: MONTEREY CYPRESS
Street address: 4441 ZOTIA ST.
Cross streets: EUREKA

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: LARGE, HANDSOME SPECIMEN

Age: ___ Yes No
Significantly advanced age for the species.
Comment: AVERAGE MATURE

Distinguished form: Yes ___ No
Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.
Describe: _____
WHILE NOT UNUSUAL, TREE HAS A NOTEWORTHY UPRIGHT FORM.

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Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

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

Describe: APPEARS HEALTHY IN ALL REGARDS

SOME LEAFES COMPLETE, BUT ALL APPEAR SOUND AND WELL-ATTACHED.

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: _____

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: _____

NONE REPORTED BY OWNER

Environmental Yes Partially No

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: LARGE TREE,

ADDING TO NEIGHBORHOOD AMBIANCE

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: NEAREST LARGE TREE, ARAUCARIA HET.

1/2 BLOCK AWAY. TWO OTHER C. MACROCARPA

IN VIEW, BUT NOT PROXIMATE.

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: VERY VISIBLE FROM EUREKA

AND UPHILL RD (FURTHER WEST) ON 20TH.

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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.

OWNER REPORTS TREE AS FORMER (2 YRS. PRIOR)

R.T. HAWK NESTING SITE.

Erosion control: Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: _____

Wind or sound barrier: Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: _____

NOMINAL ... INEVITABLE AS
FUNCTION OF TREE SIZE AND NEIGHBORHOOD WIND.

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: APPARENTLY, MUCH SUPPORT FROM
NEIGHBORS ... MANY LETTERS OF SUPPORT

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: _____

NOMINAL CONTRIBUTION, NOT KEY.

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Describe, attach photo if possible: A LARGE, HANDSOME
TREE, STRONGLY ASSOCIATED w/ SAN FRANCISCO
FLORA

Additional comments

THIS IS THE KIND OF
NEIGHBORHOOD TREE WHICH
CONTRIBUTES TO THE LIVABILITY
AND AESTHETICS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

THE OWNER'S PASSION AND EAGERNESS
TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS
COMMUNITY ASSET IS COMMENDABLE
AND SHOULD BE SUPPORTED.
