

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: Megan Sutherland

Date of evaluation: 5/2/11

Scientific name: Sequoia sempervirens

Common name: Redwood

Street address: 774 Cayuga Ave

Cross streets: San Juan Ave and Santa Rosa Ave

Rarity ___ Yes X Partially ___ No

Rarity: ___ Rare X Uncommon ___ Common ___ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: _____

Physical Attributes ___ Yes ___ Partially X No

Size: ___ Large ___ Medium X Small

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

Comment: _____

Age: ___ Yes X No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: _____

Distinguished form: ___ Yes X No

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

Describe: _____

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Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

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

Describe: Tree has been previously topped, however, very vibrant growth.

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: _____

Environmental Yes Partially No

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 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: _____

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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. Multiple nests visible in the canopy, one of which is a

bird nest. _____

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 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: Owner has indicated that letters are forthcoming, but none seen yet. _____

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: _____
