

# 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?

- An authorized nominator is a Supervisor, head of a City department or agency, Planning Commissioner, Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board member, or property owner.
- The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board and the head of a City department or agency may nominate a tree.
- The head of a City department or agency may nominate a tree on property under their jurisdiction. City departments and agencies should conduct an internal approval process before nominating a tree.
- 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.

I am one of the following authorized nominators

- Property owner
- Board of Supervisor member
- Head of a city department or agency
- Planning Commission member
- Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board member

### 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.

Property owner:

Authorized nominator (Supervisor, Planning Commission, Landmarks Advisory Board, Head of City Department/Agency):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
11 Grove Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address  
San Francisco CA 94102

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Phone (day)

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Address  
415-355-3700

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax #

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Phone (day)  
415-554-6393

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

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Fax #  
jared.blumenfeld@sfgov.org  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

I am the property owner or an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

[Signature] Signature  
1/29/07 Date

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

TREE DESCRIPTION

Tree name (species and common name): Metrosideros excelsus New Zealand Christmas tree

Number of trees: 1

Street address: 1221 Stanyan Street (at 17<sup>th</sup> Street)

Location of Tree:  Front yard  Rear yard  Side yard  Corner-side yard  
 Public right-of-way  Public lands  Not sure  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

GPS units (OPTIONAL): \_\_\_\_\_

Height 34 feet  
Average canopy width<sup>1</sup> 25 feet  
Diameter at breast height 23 inches  
Diameter at ground level 26 inches

1 Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy  
2 Distance around trunk at 4.5 ft off the ground. <http://www.isa-arbor.com/publications/tree-ord/heritage.aspx>  
3 Distance around trunk on the ground where the trunk meets the soil.

The Urban Forestry Council will use the following criteria to evaluate each potential landmark tree. Please check the applicable criteria boxes and provide additional information about each component. If you need more space to describe the tree, please attach additional sheets.

Species  
 Rare: only two or three trees of the yellow "aurea" variety in San Francisco

Size or Age  
 Greater than typical mature size or age

Cultural/Historical Value  
 Significant historical or cultural association with person, place, event  
 Significant ethnic appreciation  
 Neighborhood appreciation of tree  
 Part of planting that defines neighborhood character  
 Profiled in a publication or other media: Featured in Trees of San Francisco by Mike Sullivan

Key Location  
 High traffic area: adjacent to busy residential intersection  
 Low tree density area  
 Extends between several properties  
 Visually accessible from public right-of-way: highly visible street tree

## Ecology

- Important wildlife habitat: provide food for birds
- Part of interdependent group of trees
- Erosion control
- Wind or sound barrier: may provide sound filtration

## Visual characteristic

- Prominent landscape feature
- Character defining form

## Tree Condition

- No apparent problems
- Minor problems
- Major problems
- Extreme problems

## Tree Condition

- Root issues
- Mushrooms (trunk or base of tree)
- Trunk wounds or cracks
- Trunk cavities
- Broken or dead branches
- Crowded or crossing branches
- Pest or disease problem
- Previous construction that may have damaged tree

Describe how/why the tree has historical importance due to an association with a building, structure, site, street, person or event.

The Reiter family planted this tree. Victor Reiter was a famous horticulturalist in San Francisco. He lived on Stanyan Street and his daughter lives next to this tree. Mr. Reiter also ran a commercial nursery behind Stanyan and Woodland Ave.

Describe how/why the tree has cultural, social and/or historical importance.

A typical New Zealand Christmas tree has red flowers. However, this tree has a natural mutation that produces yellow flowers. This mutation occurred in New Zealand in the 1940s. Victor Reiter obtained a specimen and his family planted this tree.

Describe how/why the tree is a defining or meaningful feature of a neighborhood.

This healthy and large produces bright yellow flowers each June. This tree is larger than the two or three other yellow "aurea" cultivars in San Francisco.

Describe how/why the tree has ecological value like wildlife habitat and erosion control.

The flowers provide food for birds including the wild parrots of Telegraph Hill that visit the neighborhood each summer.

Describe any tree health or structure issues.

No apparent problems.

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 Grace Ma, 11 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102  
OR grace.ma@sfgov.org

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Application received date <u>1/24/07</u>	Received by <u>GRACE MA</u>
Tree evaluation form _____	UFC recommendation date _____
Board of Supervisors Decision _____	
Landmark Tree # _____	
Title recorded date _____	

