

# URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL CRITERIA FOR LANDMARK TREE EVALUATION

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: Mike Boss

Scientific name: Ascalus californica Common name: CA Buckeye

Street address: 730 20th Ave

Cross streets: Belle

Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Rare:** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  Other:

Unusual species in San Francisco. Also consider rarity in California, North America, world.

Comment: Uncommon

**Size:** \_\_\_ Large  Not large  Moderate

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_ Significantly advanced  Not significantly advanced ?

Significantly advanced age (known or estimated)

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historical Association:** \_\_\_ Yes  None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: Possibly predates house

**Ethnic appreciation:** \_\_\_ Yes  None apparent

Particular value to certain ethnic groups in neighborhood or city.

Describe nature of appreciation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Neighborhood appreciation:**  Yes  None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation. Attach documentation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Planting defines neighborhood character:**  Yes  No

Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: not visible from street, but

part of backyard commonly used space.

**Profiled in a publication or other media:**  Yes  None apparent

Tree has received print, internet, video media coverage.

Describe coverage. Attach documentation if appropriate. Be specific.

**High traffic area:**  Yes  No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Low tree density:**  Yes  No

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Extends between multiple properties:**  Yes  No

High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Describe: 2+1

**Accessible from public right-of-way.**  Yes  No

High visibility.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important wildlife habitat:**  Yes  No  
Wildlife shelter and/or food (observed or potential)  
Describe. Be as specific as possible.

**Interdependent group of trees:**  Yes  No  
This tree forms a supercanopy and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.  
Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Erosion control:**  Yes  No  
Tree prevents soil erosion

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Wind or sound barrier:**  Yes  No  
Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Prominent landscape feature:**  Yes  No  
A striking and outstanding natural feature

Describe, attach photo if possible: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Character-defining form:**  Yes  No  
Tree is an example of good form for its particular species.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_