

# Landmark Tree Evaluation Form

Evaluated by: Mark Sustarich

Scientific name: Quercus agrifolia

Common name: Coast Live Oak

Street address: 4124 23<sup>rd</sup> St.

Cross streets: Castro St.

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

GPS units (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Private     Public    Agency name Robert Call

Property owner consent to evaluate     Yes     No

DBH (in): ≈ 32

Height (ft): 40-45'

Average canopy spread (ft): 40'

Trunk diameter at ground level (in): ≈ 35'

Number of trees: 1

Tree Condition (adapted from CTLA Guide to Plant Appraisal)

No apparent problems     Minor problems     Major problems     Extreme problems

### Root issues

- Root anchorage
- Collar/flare soundness soil level high
- Mechanical injury
- Girdling/kinked roots
- Compaction/waterlogged roots
- Mushrooms (may have to ask owner)

### Trunk issues

- Sound bark and wood
- Cavities
- Mechanical or fire injury
- Cracks
- Swollen or sunken areas
- Conks

### Scaffold branches

- Strong attachments
- Smaller diameter than trunk where attached
- Vertical branch distribution - one sided
- Free of included bark No - seam on one branch
- Free of decay and cavities 2 decayed stubs
- Well pruned
- Well-proportioned/proper taper
- Wound closure - still in process

- Deadwood or fire injury
- Small branches and twigs
  - Vigor of current shoots (compare previous growth)
  - Well distributed throughout canopy *some bare areas - pine tree recently removed*
  - Appearance of buds (color, shape, size for species)
- Small Branches and Twigs (continued)
  - Presence of weak or dead twigs *some deadwood*
- Foliage and/or Buds
  - Coloration of foliage *some yellow*
  - Nutrient status
  - Herbicide, chemical or pollution injury
  - Wilted or dead leaves
  - Dry buds
- Presence of insects or disease (any part of tree)

Comments on health or structure: Construction - soil grade change  
within dripline on adjacent property

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Species  
 Rare in San Francisco

Size or Age  
 Greater than typical mature size or age *100 year<sup>+</sup>*

- Cultural/Historical Value
- Significant historical or cultural association
  - Significant ethnic appreciation
  - Neighborhood appreciation of tree
  - Part of planting that defines neighborhood character
  - Profiled in a publication or other media

- Key Location
- High traffic area
  - Low tree density area
  - Extends between several properties
  - Visually accessible from public right-of-way

- Ecology
- Important wildlife habitat *Ravens*
  - Part of interdependent group of trees
  - Erosion control
  - Wind or sound barrier

- Visual characteristic
- Prominent landscape feature
  - Character defining form

Additional comments

# 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  
Date of evaluation: 8/7/07

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Cross streets: Castro

**Rare:**  Yes  No  Other: Uncommon  
Unusual species in San Francisco. Also consider rarity in California, North America, world.

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

**Size:**  Large  Not large  
Notable size compared to other trees of the same species.

Comment: ~~DBH~~ Circumference @ BH = 80"  
Canopy width 50'; 40' E T2E

**Age:**  Significantly advanced  Not significantly advanced  
 Juvenile  Mature  Overmature  Senescent  
Approximate age

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

**Historical Association:**  Yes  None apparent  
Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: visual history

**Ethnic appreciation:**  Yes  None apparent

Neighborhood appreciation Visible for 23rd St

**Important wildlife habitat:**  Yes  No

Wildlife shelter and/or food (observed or potential)

Describe. Be as specific as possible.

Native tree

**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:

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**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:

Client reports tree visible from Twin Peaks,

**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:

Particular value to certain ethnic groups in neighborhood or city.

Describe nature of appreciation: None apparent.

**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: unknown at this time.

**Planting defines neighborhood character:**  Yes  No

Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

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

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

High visibility.

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