

## URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL CRITERIA FOR LANDMARK TREE EVALUATION (DRAFT)

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.

**Rarity:** Unusual species in San Francisco. ~~Also consider rarity in San Francisco (region or ecological zone).~~

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

**Age:** Significantly advanced in age for this species.

**Historical Association:** Related to a historic building, site, street, person, event, etc.

**Cultural appreciation:** Particular value to certain cultural, ethnic or religious group in the city.

**Neighborhood appreciation:** Multiple neighbors appreciate tree as shown by indicators such as letters of support, petitions, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc.

**Tree contributes to—?— neighborhood character:** Tree contributes significantly to or represents neighborhood aesthetic.

**Prominent landscape feature:** A striking, and outstanding natural feature.

**Profiled in a publication or other media:** Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video, media, etc. coverage.

**High (Traffic area)calming value:**—Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicular, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

**Low tree density:** Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

**Extends between multiple properties:** High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree—consult with Deputy City Attorney on whether criteria can be removed without readoption by Board.

**Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way:** High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

**Important wildlife habitat:** This species type of tree has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

**Interdependent group of trees:** This tree is an integral member of a group of trees, and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

# URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

## CRITERIA FOR LANDMARK TREE EVALUATION (DRAFT)

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.

**Rarity:** Unusual species in San Francisco.

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

**Age:** Significantly advanced in age for this species.

**Historical Association:** Related to a historic building, site, street, person, event, etc.

**Cultural appreciation:** Particular value to certain cultural, ethnic or religious group in the city.

**Neighborhood appreciation:** Multiple neighbors appreciate tree as shown by indicators such as letters of support, petitions, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc.

**Tree contributes to neighborhood character:** Tree contributes significantly to or represents neighborhood aesthetic.

**Prominent landscape feature:** A striking, and outstanding natural feature.

**Profiled in a publication or other media:** Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video, media, etc.

**High traffic area:** Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicular, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

**Low tree density:** Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

**Extends between multiple properties:** High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree—consult with Deputy City Attorney on whether criteria can be removed without readoption by Board.

**Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way:** High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

**Important wildlife habitat:** This species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

**Interdependent group of trees:** This tree is an integral member of a group of trees, and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

**Erosion control:** Tree prevents soil erosion

**Wind or sound barrier:** Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise