

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.

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

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Member of the public who initiated nomination (if applicable):

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I am an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

[Signature] Signature
7/7/08 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): Poplar
 Number of trees: ONE
 Street address: 501 OCTAVIA ST - CORNER OF HAYES ST
 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 50 feet
 Average canopy width¹ 25 feet
 Circumference at chest level² 156 inches
 Circumference at ground level³ 84 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. If you need more space to describe the tree, please attach additional sheets.

Rarity: Rare Uncommon Common Other

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

Comment: Because of the size & location

Size: Large Medium Small

Notable size (height, diameter, canopy width) compared to other trees of the same species.

Comment: Largest tree left in the neighborhood,

Age: Significantly advanced age for this species (known or estimated).

Comment: Planted well before 1970

Historical Association: Yes None apparent

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

Describe nature of appreciation: Burial site, cremation site, building

SURVIVED "1906" quake & was the only operating cremation site for deaths from the quake.

Ethnic appreciation: Yes None apparent

Particular value to certain ethnic groups in neighborhood or city.

Describe nature of appreciation: For American Indians & African Americans

it was one of the few cultural neighborhoods for native people

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: _____

Planting defines neighborhood character: Yes No

Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: Provides protection to birds, provides shade, & the largest, longest surviving tree in neighborhood

Profiled in a publication or other media: Yes Unknown

Tree has received print, internet, and/or video media coverage. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

High traffic area: Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe: possible calming effect

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: we have newly planted trees as the owners have caused death to others because of neglect; abuse

Extends between multiple properties: Yes No

High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Describe: It sits on a corner of a 4 corner crossroad. It may be viewed by all four complexes on all corners & from adjacent Park area @ Patricia's Green

Accessible from public right-of-way: Yes No

High visibility.

Describe: Highly visible

Important wildlife habitat: Yes No

Wildlife shelter and/or food (observed or potential). Describe and be as specific as possible.

Provides shelter for birds, at the end of the leaf cycle - Bees can be seen collecting sap from branches. After a hawk fought with a Raven, the Raven used the tree for protection. At the end of the leaf cycle, ladybugs use the tree to rest before moving on to winter.

Interdependent group of trees: Yes No

This tree forms a supercanopy and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: But removing the tree will have an impact to the neighborhood

Erosion control: Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: _____

Wind or sound barrier: Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: There is a marked decrease in noise when in bloom (full leaf) from street noise. Provides shade to apt complex & outdoor seating

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: Largest & longest lived tree in the neighborhood

Character-defining form: Yes No

Tree is an example of good form for its particular species.

Describe: one of the largest of it's species in San Fran.

Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

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

Describe: It seems to be in decent condition although it has been abused. There was a planter box put up around it that is contributing to its decline, plus the lack of care by property management.

I have lived with this tree for over 25 years. I have fought to preserve & protect it from neglect & improper pruning. The one next to it was cut down, I would not like to see that happen to this tree also.

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 Mei Ling Hui, 11 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102
OR meiling.hui@sfgov.org

Any information you submit will be part of the public record.

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Application received date _____	Received by _____
Tree evaluation form _____	UFC recommendation date _____
Board of Supervisors Decision _____	
Landmark Tree # _____	Title recorded date _____

