

# Urban Forestry Council Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

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: Carla Short  
Date of evaluation: 7/14/15  
Scientific name: Avicennia heterophylla  
Common name: Norfolk Island Pine  
Street address: 46A Cook St.  
Cross streets: Geary

**Rarity** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Partially \_\_\_ No

Rarity: \_\_\_ Rare \_\_\_ Uncommon  Common \_\_\_ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: not rare but tree of this size is rare

**Physical Attributes** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Partially \_\_\_ No

Size:  Large \_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_ Small

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

Comment: large for SF not esp. for species overall

Age:  Yes \_\_\_ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: could be 100+ years. Species can live to 150

Distinguished form:  Yes \_\_\_ No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: ~50% live crown ratio, good structure, good trunk flare, radial branching, good canopy vigor

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

**Historical**  Yes  Partially  No

**Historical Association:**  Yes  None apparent  
Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.  
Describe nature of appreciation: appears to be related to historic building and may have come from cemetery

**Profiled in a publication or other media:**  Yes  Unknown  
Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.  
Describe coverage: the site profiled in book

**Environmental**  Yes  Partially  No

**Prominent landscape feature:**  Yes  No  
A striking and outstanding natural feature.  
Describe, attach photo if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

**Low tree density:**  Low  Moderate  High  
Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.  
Describe: Cook St itself has quite a few trees but neighborhood overall = moderate

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

**Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way:**  Yes  No  
High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.  
Describe: visible from euclid steps, visible from street

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**High traffic area:** \_\_\_ Yes  No

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

Describe: low ped volume lead-end street

**Important wildlife habitat:**  Yes \_\_\_ No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

likely to provide habitat to birds.

**Erosion control:** \_\_\_ Yes  No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

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

**Wind or sound barrier:** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

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

**Cultural**  Yes \_\_\_ Partially \_\_\_ No

**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: Neighbors very supportive of tree  
multiple signatures

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

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

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

**Planting contributes to neighborhood character:** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

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

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

**Prominent landscape feature:**  Yes \_\_\_ No  
A striking and outstanding natural feature.  
Describe, attach photo if possible: notable from nearby view  
points & like Euclid Steps.

**Additional comments**

Species is endangered in wild.  
This is a very large and healthy  
tree with no obvious structural  
defects. If the nearby tree was  
similar in age - as expected due  
to size, it is quite old, particularly  
for San Francisco.