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: _MALCOLM HILLAN_

Date of evaluation: _9·28·18_

Scientific name: _METROSIDEROS ROBUSTA_

Common name: _NORTHERN RATA_

Street address: _1776 VALLEJO ST._

Cross streets: _GOUGH_

Rarity ✓ Yes ___ Partially ___ No

Rarity: ✓ Rare ___ Uncommon ___ Common ___ Other
Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.
Comment: _ONLY ONE I KNOW OF IN S.F._

Physical Attributes ✓ Yes ___ Partially ___ No

Size: ✓ Large ___ Medium ___ Small
Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: _____

Age: ___ Yes ___ No
Significantly advanced age for the species.
Comment: _UNKNOWN_

Distinguished form: ✓ Yes ___ No
Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.
Describe: _____
BEAUTIFUL BALANCE; SUPERBLY PRUNED; CLEAN!

Tree condition: ___✓ Good ___Poor ___Hazard
Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard
Describe: _____
_____ EXCELLENT HEALTH, APPARENTLY ... SOUND .

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: _____ ASSOCIATION ✓ BURR HOUSE
_____

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: _____
_____ MIKE SULLIVAN'S 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: _____

Interdependent group of trees: _____Yes ___✓ No
This tree in 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: _____ OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO
_____ NEIGHBORHOOD .

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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: _____

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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.   *DIFFICULT TO ASSES.*

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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: _____

_____

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: _____

ADDS TO TREE-LINED QUALITY OF
NEIGHBORHOOD . . .

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: _____

_____ M. SULLIVAN'S BOOK. _____

Prominent landscape feature: ✔Yes   ___No
A striking and outstanding natural feature.
Describe, attach photo if possible: _____

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Additional comments

AFTER SEEING MY SHARE OF
BOGUS LANDMARK TREE APPLICATIONS
AND MISGUIDED LANDMARKING
EFFORTS, IT IS REFRESHING TO
VIEW AN APPLICATION (AND TREE!!)
THAT IS TRULY WORTHY OF THE
UFC. LANDMARK STATUS. BASED
ON RARITY IN OUR CITY AND THE
DISTINGUISHED FORM, SIZE AND
LOCATION, I HEARTILY SUPPORT
LANDMARKING OF THIS SPECIMEN.
KUDOS TO JOHN MORAN AND THE
H.P.C.