

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 STORT
Date of evaluation: 10/4/18
Scientific name: Aesculus californica
Common name: Buckeye
Street address: 2694 McAllister
Cross streets: Willard North

Rarity Yes Partially No
Rarity: Rare Uncommon Common Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: While there are some buckeyes in SF
it is not a common tree

Physical Attributes Yes Partially No

Size: Large Medium Small

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

Comment: Very large example of species
dbh > 34" measured just below 4.5 at main stem

Age: Yes No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: appears to be - certainly very large

Distinguished form: Yes No

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

Describe: appears to have been topped in past

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Tree condition: ___ Good ___ Poor ___ Hazard

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

Describe: tree has been topped in past and has
some structural defects - health and vigor
hard to determine at this time of year

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: _____

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: _____

Environmental ___ Yes ___ Partially ___ No

Prominent landscape feature: Yes ___ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: right on corner, dramatic
canopy

Low tree density: ___ Low Moderate ___ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: inner Richmond trees

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: right on corner, immediately adjacent
to sidewalk

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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: _____

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.

Native insects + butterflies

fruit is toxic + flowers may be toxic to non-native bees

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: _____

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Describe coverage: _____

San Francisco Trees website, Trees of SF book

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: _____

Additional comments

Tree appears to have been topped in past, contributing to problematic structure.

Otherwise, very large and notable example of the species.