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: Damon Spigelman

Date of evaluation: 9-14-2018

Scientific name: AESCULUS CALIFONIA

Common name: CALIFORNIA BUCKEYE

Street address: 2964 McAllister

Cross streets: Willard

Rarity   X Yes ___ Partially ___ No

Rarity: X Rare   ____Uncommon   ____Common   ____Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.
Comment: ____Possibly the largest California Buckeye in San Francisco
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Physical Attributes   ___ Yes   ___ Partially   ___ No

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

Comment: Trunk DBH is uncommonly large for this species in an urban setting, along with a large canopy spread average canopies do not usually exceeding 30' in circumference.
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Age: X Yes   ____No
Significantly advanced age for the species.
Comment: _Due to size and history of home construction being dated at 1900_an estimated age of species would put the tree at 90 to 100 years.

old_____

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Distinguished form: _X_ Yes ____No
Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.
Describe: _____Good crown circumference with large trunk DBH
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Tree condition: _X___Good ____Poor ____Hazard
Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard
Describe: Tree is showing signs of decay which is normal for a tree of this advanced age, I noticed a vertical crack in one of the laterals overhanging the sidewalk, recommend removing or reducing end weight._____

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Historical __X_ Yes ___ Partially ___ No

Historical Association: ____ Yes ____ None apparent
Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.
Describe nature of appreciation: _No found information on any historical information of residence, home built in 1900_____

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Profiled in a publication or other media: __X__Yes ____Unknown
Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.
Describe coverage: _San Francisco's Trees
_____

http://www.sftrees.com/landmark-trees/

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Environmental _X__ Yes ___ Partially ___ No

Prominent landscape feature: __X__Yes ____No
A striking and outstanding natural feature.
Describe, attach photo if possible: Focal point of residence, adds character to the street and prominently located at the corner of an intersection with high foot traffic.
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Low tree density: __X__Low ____Moderate ____High
Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: Low street tree density in the area

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Interdependent group of trees: ____Yes   __X__No
This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.
Describe: There is a Bay Laurel Tree growing next to the Buckeye, this tree would not be impacted or have an adverse impact if it were to be removed.

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

Describe: The Buckeye is located on the corner of McAllister/Willard with a visibility factor.

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High traffic area: ___X_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: __This is a large and unique tree that provides a special visual and wow factor to the neighborhood._____
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Important wildlife habitat: ____Yes   __X__No
Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals. _No visible nesting sites located upon inspection, this is not to say I missed a potential habitat structure.

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Erosion control: ____Yes   __X__No
Tree prevents soil erosion.
Describe: _Tree is growing in a relatively flat area with no signs of potential erosion.

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Wind or sound barrier: __X__Yes   ____No
Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.
Describe: ___Due to the location of the Buckeye it provides cooling and sound reduction to the residence.

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<u>Cultural</u>   ___ Yes   ___ Partially   ___ No

Neighborhood appreciation: ____ Yes   __X__None apparent
Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or
related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:
Describe: _____

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Cultural appreciation: ____Yes   __X__None apparent
Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.
Describe nature of appreciation: _____

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Planting contributes to neighborhood character: _X___Yes   ____No
Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.
Describe contribution: _The Buckeye is grand in its appearance and adds character to the
neighborhood._____

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Profiled in a publication or other media: _X___Yes   ____Unknown
Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.
Describe coverage: San Francisco Trees
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Prominent landscape feature: __X__Yes   ____No
A striking and outstanding natural feature.
Describe, attach photo if possible: Irreplaceable in its size and
structure.

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Additional comments