

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: Mike Sullivan
Date of evaluation: 9/15/18
Scientific name: Aesculus californica
Common name: California buckeye
Street address: 2694 McAllister Street
Cross streets: Willard St. North / McAllister

Rarity ___ Yes ___ Partially No

Rarity: ___ Rare Uncommon ___ Common ___ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: Common in Bay Area (native); rare on SF streets/yards

Physical Attributes Yes ___ Partially ___ No

Size: Large ___ Medium ___ Small

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

Comment: Huge specimen - biggest by far in the City of this species

Age: Yes ___ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: Very old - maybe older than the Victorian?

Distinguished form: Yes ___ No

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

Describe: Great form (spreading)

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

Describe: Very healthy. leaf loss now (but not unusual for September)

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: Only tree in SF to be protected by a "tree easement" - in favor of Friends of the Urban Forest

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: Trees of San Francisco

Environmental Yes Partially No

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.
Describe, attach photo if possible: Native tree

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: _____

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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 CA tree

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 turned out en masse to protect the tree years ago - prompting the easement

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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Additional comments

Spectacular specimen of a California native; adjacent to another huge example of a CA native (California bay) with a unique history - construction in the '90s almost destroyed the tree, leading to the easement in favor of Friends of the Urban Forest.