

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: 9/30/16

Scientific name: *Sequoia sempervirens*

Common name: Coast Redwood

Street address: 4 Montclair Ter.

Cross streets: Lombard St.

Rarity ___ Yes X Partially ___ No

Rarity: ___ Rare X Uncommon ___ Common ___ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: ___ fairly uncommon in San Francisco _____

Physical Attributes ___ Yes X Partially ___ No

Size: ___ Large X Medium ___ Small

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

Comment: ___ Good size redwood for San Francisco, but not remarkable for the species _____

Age: ___ Yes X No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: ___ no, planted in 1962 rather young for the species _____

Distinguished form: X Yes ___ No

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

Describe: ___ Very good structure, very healthy canopy. Often redwoods get windburn or drought stressed, this tree is not showing much of either _____

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Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

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

Describe: Certainly not a hazard. Tree has very good structure and canopy is very vigorous and healthy. Tree has been pruned, and some limbs tipped back in past, but no signs of major structural issue, or previous topping. _____

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: _____

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.

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Describe: The tree is highly visible from Montclair Terrace, but is also visible from the top of the crooked portion of Lombard St., as well as from other vantage points along Lombard St.

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: extremely high pedestrian and vehicular traffic due to location just off of major tourist destination. Tree does not provide potential traffic calming effect, but certainly extremely visible due to volume of traffic to Lombard St. _____

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. As a CA native, likely to provide habitat to a number of species. Nominator reported multiple species using 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: _____

Cultural appreciation: Yes None apparent

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

Describe nature of appreciation: Apparently has a sister tree in Japan, planted at the same time.

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: Yes No

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Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: ___Montclair Terrace is a little alley and this tree is a significant feature in the street. _____

Profiled in a publication or other media: ___Yes X__Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____Nominator indicated they were looking for media coverage, but not able to find any _____

Prominent landscape feature: _X_Yes ___No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: _____ The tree is highly visible from Montclair Terrace, but is also visible from the top of the crooked portion of Lombard St., as well as from other vantage points along Lombard St. _____

Additional comments

Tree is a large, healthy and structurally has very good form. It is located very near to one of the most widely visited sites in San Francisco. The tree has been very well cared for, and shows none of the common signs of stress that Redwoods in San Francisco often face. The tree is located rather close to the fence of the property and in a fairly small yard for the size of how large this tree could become. The tree is currently protected as a significant tree under the public works code.
