

Urban Forestry Council

Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

Pursuant to [Ordinance 0017-06](#) and [Public Works Code Article 16, Section 810](#), the Urban Forestry Council 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 the comment sections, as appropriate, to explain or support evaluation.

Evaluator's name	Morgan Vaisset-Fauvel
Date of evaluation	August 29 th 2020
Start time of evaluation	5.00pm
End time of evaluation	6.00pm
Botanical name	Cupressus Macrocarpa
Common name	Monterey Cypress
Street address	44th Avenue
Cross streets	Lincoln way

Rarity

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

- Rare
- Uncommon
- Common
- Other

Comments	Very common specie, staple of North Cal maritime landscape.
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Physical Attributes

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

- Large
- Medium
- Small

Comments	On the smaller size for older Cypress.
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Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

- Yes
- No

Comments	This group of Cypress are mature, over 100 year old.
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Distinguished form: Tree is an example of good form for its species, has majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

- Yes
- No

Comments	Looks typical form for a small group of tree, on a very small root zone available to them. Very unique group structure that make those tree visibly attractive.
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Tree condition: Consider overall tree health and structure, including hazard potential.

- Good
- Poor
- Potential hazard

Comments	The trees are on good condition for the age. They have been trimmed on regular schedule. One smaller tree at the right of the property is on the declining stage. (should be remove as it could attract pest)
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **physical attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes
- Partially
- No

Historical Attributes

Historical association: Any relation to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

- Yes
- None apparent

Comments	It seem that the group of tree, is as hold that the building itself. Must have been planted shortly after the house got build. Very charming historical maritime/Victorian look that couldn't be the same without the trees. .
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Profiled in a publication or other media for its *historic value*: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, media, etc. Attach documentation or provide links if appropriate.

- Yes
- Unknown

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **historic attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes
- Partially
- No

Environmental Attributes

Prominent landscape feature: A striking and outstanding natural feature.

- Yes
- No

Comments	You can't miss these tree at the front street. Very majestic form and stature.
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Low tree density: Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

- Low
- Moderate
- High

Comments	They are basically the only mature tree in the next 2 block (excluding the Golden gate park)
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Interdependent group of trees: This tree is an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on the adjacent trees.

- Yes
- No

Comments	These trees have been growing together all their live. They are interconnected structurally.
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Visible or accessible from public right-of-way: High visibility and/or accessibility.

- Yes
- No

Comments	Impossible to miss them. You can see them 20 house away each direction.
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High traffic area: Tree is in an area that has a large volume of vehicle, pedestrian, or bike traffic and has a potential traffic-calming effect.

- Yes
 No

Comments	Low traffic neighborhood.
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Important wildlife habitat: Species has a known relationship with wildlife to which it provides food, shelter, nesting potential, etc.

- Yes
 No

Comments	These tree are a little oasis in the middle of concrete hardscape-streetscape. Multiple raven were in the trees during assessment. Cypress tree are one of the favorite nesting ground for hummingbird in San Francisco.
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Erosion control: Tree prevents soil erosion.

- Yes
 No

Comments	Sandy soil
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Wind or sound barrier: Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

- Yes
 No

Comments	Protect the house and street sidewalk from North winds.
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **environmental attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes
 Partially
 No

Cultural Attributes

Neighborhood appreciation: Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition(s), outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to the tree, etc. Attach documentation.

- Yes
- None apparent

Comments	
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Cultural appreciation: Tree is of value to a certain cultural or ethnic group(s) in the City.

- Yes
- None apparent

Comments	
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Profiled in a publication or other media for its *cultural* value: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, media, etc. Attach documentation or provide links if appropriate.

- Yes
- Unknown

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **cultural attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes
- Partially
- No

Additional comments:



One detail worrying me during the assessment, is that the homeowner talk about maybe cutting a part of the landscape bank where thee tree are located to build a parking port car.

Cutting the soil to make room for a parking spot will ultimately kill the tree group. Monterrey Cypresses are doing very poorly with root damages, or construction damage in general. Especially with advance age. Building this type of feature will be fatal to the tree group.