

# 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	Sat August 29 <sup>th</sup> 2020
Start time of evaluation	3.45pm
End time of evaluation	4.35pm
Botanical name	Ponderosa Pinus
Common name	Ponderosa Pine
Street address	<u>2251/2253 Filbert Street</u>
Cross streets	Filbert and Fillmore

### Rarity

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

- Rare  
 Uncommon  
 Common  
 Other

Comments	Ponderosa pines are rarely planted in San Francisco, but not uncommon in California landscape. Rarely seen as landscape, or street tree.
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### Physical Attributes

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

- Large  
 Medium  
 Small

Comments	Will classify this specimen as dominant height.
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**Age:** Significantly advanced age for the species.

- Yes
- No

Comments	It is a mature tree very vigorous. Still plenty to live. Estimate at least 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	Something happen to the scaffolding of the tree many year ago. 60, 70 years ago. Typically one stem structure, this one has multiple scaffolding due to very old pruning, or storm damage.
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**Tree condition:** Consider overall tree health and structure, including hazard potential.

- Good
- Poor
- Potential hazard

Comments	Even the tree has multiple stems, the structure is still very strong. The tree seems to have been prune on a regular basics, and doesn't over extend that much out. (low risk of branches failure.) it would be recommended to cable the 3 stems together to help the tree respond during unseasonal storm. Would recommend a good cleaning, but the tree is in very good health condition. It looks very vigorous for his age. No obvious presence of pest, nor beetle. This specie is commonly attacked to shoot hole bore, and the pest is not present. One large extra-large squirrel nest could cause one branch to fail.
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### OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

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

- Yes
- Partially
- No

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### Historical Attributes

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

- Yes
- None apparent

Comments	The tree has a long neighborhood historical value, as in the past all the backyard were not fenced off individually. This tree have been in the memory of all habitant for over 100 years at least.
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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	Yes, this tree qualified of prominent feature. You really can't miss it. it dominate the all backyard landscape of the neighborhood.
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**Low tree density:** Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

- Low
- Moderate
- High

Comments	Very low density in the street, and back yard. I can see only 3 large tree in all the back yards (including neighbors). 2 of these tree are in that same property.
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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	It is growing in a small group (one smaller live oak tree), but definitely dominant. I would not call dependent.
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**Visible or accessible from public right-of-way:** High visibility and/or accessibility.

Yes

No

Comments	Yes, but you need to look for it.
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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	Back yard tree
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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	This native pine tree provide a lot food, and shelter to native insects, and birds. One large squirrel nest is very noticeable. The tree provide the perfect perch for raptor that help the rodent control in the neighborhood. ( did not seen raptor sighting) the combines with the 70 year old Coast Live oak make it a mini native conservation backyard area.
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**Erosion control:** Tree prevents soil erosion.

Yes

No

Comments	Located on a light slope. Hold soil, so it doesn't go to the homeowner house.
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**Wind or sound barrier:** Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Yes

No

Comments	The deep green canopy is a very good wind break.
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## OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

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

- Yes
  - Partially
  - No
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## 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	Historically used to be the neighbors hangout, before fences were put to dived all the back yard.
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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
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## Additional comments:



Heard that one possible neighbor conflict related to his size, and some construction (or addition). This is very worrying, as drastic pruning could compromise the health of the tree, even more could attract a beetle infestation that could cause death of the tree very rapidly.