

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	Jillian Keller
Date of evaluation	12/29/2021
Start time of evaluation	11:35AM
End time of evaluation	11:55AM
Botanical name	Cedrus deodara
Common name	Deodar cedar
Street address	3344 Folsom St.
Cross streets	Ripley St. and Stoneman St.

Rarity

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

- Rare
- Uncommon
- Common
- Other

Comments	
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Physical Attributes

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

- Large
- Medium
- Small

Comments	
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Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

- Yes
- No

Comments	
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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	Candelabra tree form.
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Tree condition: Consider overall tree health and structure, including hazard potential.

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Potential hazard

Comments	Crown is slightly thin. Ivy beginning to climb up lower trunk needs to be removed. Attachments look secure.
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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	Part of one of the oldest properties in the area
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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	
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Low tree density: Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

- Low
- Moderate
- High

Comments	There are many trees in this area
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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	
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Visible or accessible from public right-of-way: High visibility and/or accessibility.

- Yes
- No

Comments	Visible from the street. Inaccessible to the public.
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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	Many people pass by the property on the way to Bernal Heights Park
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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	Birds of prey like to perch on tall trees
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Erosion control: Tree prevents soil erosion.

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Comments	
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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:



I support the nomination. The ivy should be removed from the tree's lower trunk. A certified arborist should closely inspect the trunks and determine whether cabling is appropriate.