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	Pam Nagle
Date of evaluation	July 21, 2020
Start time of evaluation	12 Noon
End time of evaluation	12:45 PM
Botanical name	*Pinus ponderosa**
Common name	Ponderosa Pine*
Street address	2251/2253 Filbert Street, SF
Cross streets	Steiner/Fillmore

*Tree was nominated as Aleppo Pine *(Pinus halepensis)* but ID is in question.

Rarity

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.
☐ Rare
☒ Uncommon
☐ Common
☐ Other

Comments	SF within its native range, but don't know of many in town.

Physical Attributes

Size: Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.
☒ Large
☐ Medium
☐ Small

Comments	

Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.
☐ Yes
☒ No

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Comments	

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments	Tall tree at back of lot, upright form; lowest branches pruned up to approx. 25'; visible feature from many surrounding properties in neighborhood.

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

☒ Good

☐ Poor

☐ Potential hazard

Comments	

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	

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	

OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

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

☐ Yes
☐ Partially   (Not sure.)
☒ No

Environmental Attributes

Prominent landscape feature: A striking and outstanding natural feature.
☒ Yes
☐ No

Comments	Somewhat unique for its city location in the Marina district/Cow Hollow. Also provides some visual screening between certain properties.

Low tree density: Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.
☐ Low
☒ Moderate
☐ High

Comments	

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	

Visible or accessible from public right-of-way: High visibility and/or accessibility.
☐ Yes
☒ No

Comments	Not so much from street/public sidewalk.

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	

Important wildlife habitat: Species has a known relationship with wildlife to which it provides food, shelter, nesting potential, etc.
☒ Yes

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☐ No

Comments	

Erosion control: Tree prevents soil erosion.
☐ Yes
☒ No

Comments	

Wind or sound barrier: Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.
☒ Yes
☐ No

Comments	Possibly, for properties in the neighborhood.

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	Owner may have submitted this documentation; I have not reviewed.

Cultural appreciation: Tree is of value to a certain cultural or ethnic group(s) in the City.
☐ Yes
☒ None apparent

Comments	

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

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Comments	

OVERALL CATEGORY RATING
Do the **cultural attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?
☐ Yes
☒ Partially
☐ No

Additional comments:

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The tree is unusually large and somewhat unusual species for its location. It is a neighborhood feature for all who can see it (back yards of this surrounding block on Filbert/Union/Fillmore/Steiner Street properties?), and looks to be in good condition. It is not an amenity visible to the general public from the R-O-W.

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