

1 [Resolution Endorsing Landmark Tree Status for the California buckeye at 730 - 28th
2 Avenue]

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4 WHEREAS, Public Works Code, Article 16, Section 810 charges the Urban
5 Forestry Council to examine nominated landmark trees using criteria approved by the
6 Board of Supervisors; and,

7 WHEREAS, the California buckeye (*Aesculus californica*) at 730 - 28th Avenue
8 fulfills the landmark tree criteria that includes:

9 Rare: The tree is uncommon, possibly rare in San Francisco.

10 Size: The tree, while not notably large, was of a good size and large considering
11 the poor sandy soils and proximity to the ocean winds.

12 Age: The tree appeared somewhat advanced in age. The committee notes that
13 the well-respected consulting arborist, Roy Leggitt, suggests that the tree could be over
14 100 years old.

15 Historical Association: The tree may have historical context in that it possibly
16 predates the oldest houses built in the area.

17 Neighborhood Appreciation: The tree has neighborhood appreciation as
18 expressed by neighbors and the property-owner's nomination of the tree. There is a
19 petition with over 60 names in support of this tree.

20 Character Defining Form: The tree had character-defining form.

21 Low Tree Density: The tree was in a relatively low tree density area, though part
22 of an interdependent small cluster of trees which helped define the character of the
23 area.

24 Wildlife Habitat: The tree, as a San Francisco native, provided wildlife habitat;
25 and,

26 WHEREAS, This tree provides social, environmental and economic benefits to
27 the property, neighborhood and city; now, therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council recommends the California buckeye
29 (*Aesculus californica*) at 730 - 28th Avenue for landmark status to the Board of
30 Supervisors.

1 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's Regular Meeting on
2 February 27, 2007.

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4 *Monica Fish, Council Secretary*

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7 VOTE: Landmark Status Approved (9-0) (6 Absent)

8 Ayes: Council Members Milne, Blair, Boss, Cohen, Costello, Habert, Quirke, Sherk, and Sustarich.

9 Noes: None

10 Absent: Council Members Griswold, Marks, Miller, Nervo, Rodgers, and Sacamano