

SAN FRANCISCO URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

Landmark Tree Nomination Form

Disclaimer: Any information you include on this form will be part of the public record. Anyone may request to see the information you submit for a landmark tree nomination. For more legal information, see the last page of this form.

Who can nominate a landmark tree?

- The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board may nominate a tree.
The head of a City department or agency may nominate a tree on property under their jurisdiction. City departments and agencies should conduct an internal approval process before nominating a tree.
A property owner may nominate a tree on his or her property.
A member of the public may ask an authorized nominator to nominate a tree.

Please note that a permit will be required for any future removal of a landmark tree.

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code 810, the Urban Forestry Council requests the following information.

I am one of the following authorized nominators

- Property owner (checked)
Board of Supervisor member
Head of a city department or agency
Planning Commission member
Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board member

Authorized nominator (Supervisor, Planning Commission, Landmarks Advisory Board, Head of City Department, Property Owner):

Name: RAYMOND BOZZINI
Address: SAN FRANCISCO, CA
Address:
Phone (day):
Fax #:
Email:

Member of the public who initiated nomination (if applicable):

Name: ROBERT BOZZINI
Address: SAN FRANCISCO, CA
Address:
Phone (day):
Fax #:
Email:

I am an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

Signature: Raymond Bozzini
Date: June 1, 2012

I am the property owner and I grant permission for city staff to evaluate the nominated tree on the property with advance notice.

Signature:
Date: June 1, 2012

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The Urban Forestry Council will use the following criteria to evaluate each potential landmark tree. If you need more space to describe the tree, please attach additional sheets.

TREE DESCRIPTION

Tree name (species and common name): TOPIARY JUNIPER

Number of trees: ONE

Street address: 429 BRUSSELS STREET

Location of Tree:  Front yard  Rear yard  Side yard  Corner-side yard  
 Public right-of-way  Public lands  Not sure  
 Other: PLANTER BOX ON SOUTHEASTERN CORNER IN FRONT OF RESIDENCE

If the tree which extends beyond multiple properties:

Which part of the tree does so?

Trunk  Canopy

Where in the neighboring area?

Front yard  Rear yard  Side yard  Corner-side yard

GPS units (OPTIONAL): \_\_\_\_\_

Height 12 feet

Average canopy width 5 feet  
Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy

Circumference at chest level 12 inches  
Distance around trunk at 4.5 ft off the ground. <http://www.isa-arbor.com/publications/tree-ord/heritage.aspx>

Circumference at ground level 14 inches  
Distance around trunk on the ground where the trunk meets the soil.

**Rarity**

Rarity:  Rare  Uncommon  Common  Other  
Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: This topiary is more than 50 years old that has been professionally pruned and balanced.

**Physical**

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

Comment: The arborist maintains the balance and shape and believes the shape is the important aesthetic.

Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: It is more than 50 years old and is very healthy

Distinguished form:  Yes  No  
Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: Its balance is lovely and adds to the character of the home and neighborhood

Tree condition:  Good  Poor  Hazard  
Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: It is very healthy and poses no hazard

**Historical**

Historical Association:  Yes  None apparent  
Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: The general landscaping and the topiary juniper are an integral part of the home and neighborhood.

Profiled in a publication or other media:  Yes  Unknown  
Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.  
Describe coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

**Environmental**

**Prominent landscape feature:**  Yes  No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: Photo attached. IT IS A STRIKINGLY beautiful example of California-style landscaping OF THE 1950's

**Low tree density:**  Low  Moderate  High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: THE PORTOLA HAS LARGE, CONCRETE EXPANSES. THIS HOME AND A FEW OTHERS ON THE STREET ARE THE FEW GREEN SPACES ON THE BLOCK

**Interdependent group of trees:**  Yes  No

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: THERE IS A MIRRORRED TOPIARY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PROPERTY

**Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way:**  Yes  No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: THE JUNIPER IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE LANDSCAPING OF THE HOME

**High traffic area:**  Yes  No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: THE ADDRESS IS VERY NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF BACON AND BRUSSELS. A MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR ACADEMIC MIDDLE SCHOOL IS WITHIN 300 yards

**Important wildlife habitat:**  Yes  No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

**Erosion control:**  Yes  No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wind or sound barrier:**  Yes  No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: BACON STREET, AS IS BRUSSELS, IS HEAVILY TRAVELLED. A church is located DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET WHICH CREATES EARLY morning weekend noise AS WELL AS OTHER TIMES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

**Cultural**

**Neighborhood appreciation:**  Yes  None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation: SEE ATTACHED

Describe: THE HOME IS A FEATURE OF THE PORTOLA GARDEN TOUR.

**Cultural appreciation:**  Yes  None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: THE MEDITERRANEAN style of the LANDSCAPING IS A NOD TO THE ITALIAN immigrants of whom the RESIDENTS and many neighbors ARE DESCENDENTS.

**Planting contributes to neighborhood character:**  Yes  No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: THE PORTOLA IS SAN FRANCISCO'S GARDEN DISTRICT. THIS TREE, HOME AND GARDEN ARE PRIME EXAMPLES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S HERITAGE.

**Profiled in a publication or other media:**  Yes  Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prominent landscape feature:**  Yes  No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: SEE ATTACHED.

**Additional comments**

THE TROPICANY adds to the beauty of the well-maintained home and provides the benefits of windbreak and sound barrier.

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**If you have any questions about this form, tree terms or tree concepts, please contact the Urban Forestry Council staff (below). It is acceptable if you cannot provide some of the information requested on this form.**

**A photograph of the tree must be submitted with this form.**

Please attach **optional** supporting documents such as letters, arborist report, etc.

**Send to:** Urban Forestry Council, c/o Mei Ling Hui, 11 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102  
OR [meiling.hui@sfgov.org](mailto:meiling.hui@sfgov.org)

**Any information you submit will be part of the public record.**

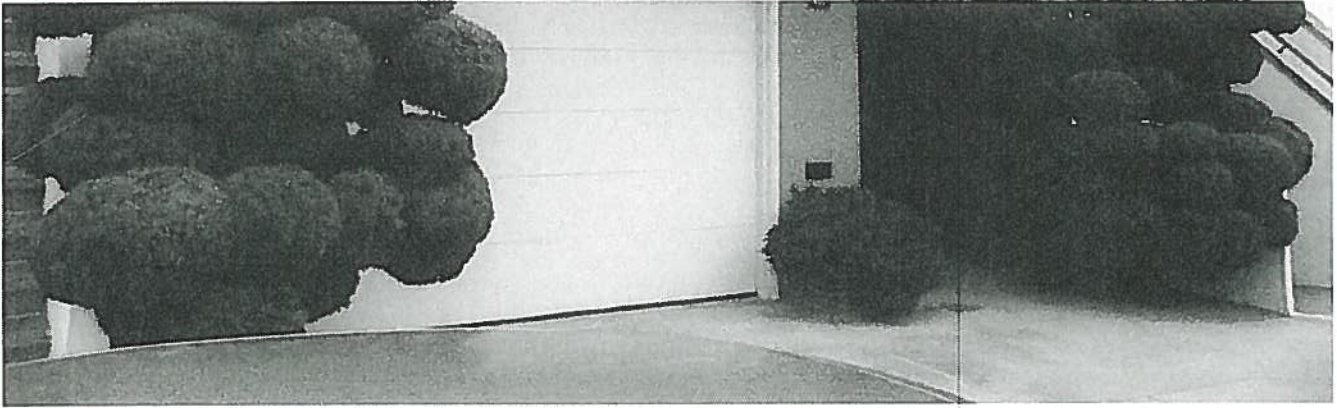
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Application received date _____	Received by _____
Tree evaluation form _____	UFC recommendation date _____
Board of Supervisors Decision _____	
Landmark Tree # _____	Title recorded date _____



From: Tara Japsen <kimberlytimbers@gmail.com>  
Subject: Front of house  
Date: January 6, 2012 9:16:23 AM PST  
To: Robert Bozzini <bozzini@me.com>  
▶ 4 Attachments, 1.6 MB





Sent from my laser disk player which doubles as a fax machine.

From: remy krzyzanowski <remyk@aol.com>  
Subject: Tree assessment Brusael St  
Date: January 9, 2012 10:22:34 PM PST  
To: Robert Bozzini <bozzini@me.com>

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Hello Robert,

It was nice to see you Saturday and please find below my conclusions regarding the Juniper tree and the Chinese Magnolia, vine.

The Juniper tree:

Those 2 trees have been pruned and shaped professionally over the years. They have a balance and shape that needs to be respected. The topiary of those trees is their identity and cannot be altered. It will be possible to reduce the 3 balls overhanging into the neighbor's driveway without altering too much the general balance and aesthetic of the tree.

Passion vine.

It should be removed off the house wall facing the neighbors garden. The part of the vine over hanging the neighbors garden should be cut back as well as the all section growing and crawling on top of the neighbors garden shack. This should be done regularly in order to prevent the vine to become too invasive.

Chinese Magnolia:

This tree does not represent any structural hazard. It is a healthy tree which has been skillfully pruned and shaped over the years. It is not leaning and do not present any risk. The limbs do not present any signs of decay. The scaffold of the tree and the limb junction do not enter or invade the neighbor's garden. What could be done is to trim back the tip of some of the branches over the neighbor's garden without altering the balance and the shape of the tree. There is no need to cut major branches or systems. One branch over the garden shack can be shorten.

To minimize the inconvenience of the dead falling leaves, a raking and hauling of the dead leaves should be set up 2 or 3 times during fall and winter. That is the only inconvenience to the neighbors that this tree represents.

I will need about 3-4 hours to do the work Robert. My estimate for the cost with the dump is between \$350-\$400. If you want me to do the work I will try my best to do it either next Saturday ( 14th) or the following Monday at the latest. Let me know.

My best regards,

Remy.

## Urban Forestry Council Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code Section 810, the UFC has 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 comment sections, as appropriate, to explain or support evaluation. Attach sheets if more space is needed.

Evaluator's name: Mei Ling Hui

Date of evaluation: June 25, 2012

Scientific name: Juniper spp.

Common name: Juniper

Street address: 439 Brussels St., San Francisco

Cross streets: Bacon

**Rarity**    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ Partially     No

Rarity: \_\_\_ Rare        \_\_\_ Uncommon         Common        \_\_\_ Other

**Physical Attributes**    \_\_\_ Yes     Partially    \_\_\_ No

Size: \_\_\_ Large     Medium    \_\_\_ Small

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

Comment: Because the specimen is maintained as a topiary, its size has been limited. As far as topiaries go, this specimen is an average size that is commonly seen in San Francisco.

Age:  Yes    \_\_\_ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: The nominator reports that the family planted the two junipers (one on either side of the house frontage) when they built the residence, approximately 50 years ago.

**Distinguished form:**     Yes    \_\_\_ No

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

Describe: This specimen is well maintained in the cloud-form style of topiary.

**Tree condition:**         Good    \_\_\_ Poor    \_\_\_ Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: Appears to be healthy with no noticeable defects.

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**Historical** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Partially  No

**Historical Association:** \_\_\_ Yes  None apparent  
Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

**Profiled in a publication or other media:** \_\_\_ Yes  Unknown  
Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

**Environmental** \_\_\_ Yes  Partially \_\_\_ No

**Prominent landscape feature:**  Yes \_\_\_ No  
A striking and outstanding natural feature.  
Describe, attach photo if possible: There are not many trees or other forms of greenery on the street. The two topiaries fronting this house make contributions to improving the streetscape.

**Low tree density:**  Low \_\_\_ Moderate \_\_\_ High  
Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

**Interdependent group of trees:** \_\_\_ Yes  No  
This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.  
Describe: While one only one of the two topiaries are being nominated for landmark status, and they do function aesthetically as a pair, the health of one of the topiaries is not dependent upon the other.

**Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way:**  Yes \_\_\_ No  
High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.  
Describe: There are not many trees or other forms of greenery on the street. The two topiaries fronting this house make contributions to improving the streetscape.

**High traffic area:**  Yes \_\_\_ No  
Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

**Important wildlife habitat:** \_\_\_ Yes  No  
Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

**Erosion control:** \_\_\_ Yes  No  
Tree prevents soil erosion.

**Wind or sound barrier:** \_\_\_ Yes  No  
Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

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**Cultural** \_\_\_ Yes  Partially \_\_\_ No

**Neighborhood appreciation:**  Yes \_\_\_ None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: The property is featured on the Portola Garden tour; the tour organizers support the nomination of this topiary and the magnolia in the backyard.

**Cultural appreciation:** \_\_\_ Yes  None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

**Planting contributes to neighborhood character:**  Yes \_\_\_ No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: There are not many trees or other forms of greenery on the street. The two topiaries fronting this house make contributions to improving the streetscape.

**Profiled in a publication or other media:** \_\_\_ Yes  Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

**Prominent landscape feature:** \_\_\_ Yes  No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

**Additional comments**

There are two topiary junipers at this location. The topiary that has been nominated is on the right side of the house, when facing the house from the street. The topiary is located close to the property line that 439 Brussels shares with the property located to the south, which is assessor's block 6047, lot 025. The topiary partially obstructs the driveway and garage of the neighboring residence. As such, this property owner is considered an affect property owner.

