

1 [Resolution Endorsing Landmark Tree Status for Manzanita at 115 Parker Avenue]

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3 **Resolution endorsing landmark tree status for the Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos***
4 ***hispidula*) located at 115 Parker Avenue, Assessor's Block 1064, Lot 002.**

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

8 WHEREAS, The Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos hispidula*) located at 115 Parker Avenue
9 fulfills the landmark tree criteria that includes:

10 Rare: It is extremely rare as (1) it is of unknown genealogy and its species is as of yet
11 undetermined; (2) it is botanically an extremely important plant and is the subject of scientific
12 study by experts in the genus *Arctostaphylos*; (3) it is possibly the only one of its kind in San
13 Francisco, if not in the world, and (4) quite possibly a new species or a unique hybrid. .

14 Historical Association: The property originally was the historic Laurel Hill Cemetery
15 Groundskeeper's home. The Manzanita is a remnant of the original planting that grew in the
16 former Laurel Hills Cemetery (historically Landmark 33), which was adjacent to the property
17 at 115 Parker Avenue; and

18 Profiled in a Publication or Other Media: There are plans to publish this individual
19 Manzanita in scientific literature. Scientific testimony was received from two San Francisco
20 State University scientists regarding its rarity and that its genealogy is part of an ongoing
21 scientific study.

22 Ethnic Appreciation: It is part of a group of plants (Manzanitas) that were of value to
23 native civilization.

24 Neighborhood Appreciation: The tree is visible from the rear and it is visible to at least
25 six neighbors.

1 Wildlife Value: It provides food for insects and birds.

2 WHEREAS, The Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos hispidula*) located at 115 Parker Avenue,
3 Assessor's Block 1064, Lot 002 provides social, environmental and economic benefits to the
4 property, neighborhood and city; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council recommends the Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos*
6 *hispidula*) located at 115 Parker Avenue, Assessor's Block 1064, Lot 002 for landmark tree
7 status to the Board of Supervisors.

8 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's
9 Regular Meeting on April 22, 2008.

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11 *Monica Fish, Council Secretary*

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13 VOTE: Approved (10-1) (4 Absent)

14 Ayes: Vice-Chair Quirke, Members Blair, Boss, Cohen, Habert, Miller, Nervo, Rodgers,
15 Sherk and Short

16 Noes: Chair Milne

17 Absent: Members Griswold, Hillan, Marks and Sustarich

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Report of Findings for the Manzanita on Parker Street

The Landmark Tree Committee of the Urban Forestry Council met on Tuesday April 8, 2008 and considered the nomination for Landmark Status of the *Arctostaphylos* (*Arctostaphylos sp.*) in the rear property of 115 Parker Street.

The committee did not make a recommendation for this tree. The vote was 2-2.

The presence of this plant before the UFC for consideration of Landmark Status challenges standards and assumptions at the core of the Landmark Tree Ordinance, including the basic understanding of what is a tree, what does large mean, and what is the intent of the Ordinance.

The definition of a tree as defined by City Code is vague and after preliminary discussion and consideration, it would not be unreasonable to conclude that there is no precise definition that could, or possibly even should, be applied to the term "tree". Specifically, what is it that separates a tree from a shrub? This is a topic, in the view of the Committee Chair, that the Landmark Tree Committee and the UFC should consider at a future time. Aside from any technical definition of a tree, there are other considerations: What was the Board of Supervisors intent when they drafted the ordinance? What do the people of SF generally consider a tree to be? What would be the ramifications (to the work of the Council and of the City in general,) of a broad vs. a narrow definition of a tree?

The plant specimen under question, the *Arctostaphylos* at 115 Parker, is of unknown geneology, and its species is as of yet undetermined. It is, botanically, an extremely important plant and is the subject of scientific study by experts in the genus *Arctostaphylos*. It is, quite possibly, the only one of its kind in San Francisco, if not the world, and quite possibly a new species or a unique hybrid. As such, it is of the rarest category of plant possible. Under typical circumstances, this criterion alone would be meritorious enough to warrant Landmark Status.

But this is not a typical circumstance, as it is debatable about whether this is a tree at all. If this is a tree, clearly we should recommend landmarking. If it is not a tree, it is not properly before us.

The specimen satisfies the following landmark criteria:

- It is extremely rare
- It has historical association
- It has neighborhood appreciation
- There are plans to publish this individual in the scientific literature
- It is part of a group of plants (manzanitas) that have ethnic appreciation, and that has wildlife value
- The tree was nominated by and has the support of the property owner

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Boss

Chair, Landmark Tree Committee of the Urban Forestry Council

Urban Forestry Council Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

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Evaluator's name: Mei Ling Hui

Date of evaluation: March 19, 2008

Scientific name: Manzanita hispidula

Common name: Howell's Manzanita

Street address: 115 Parker Ave

Cross streets: Euclid

Rare: Rare Uncommon Common Other

Unusual species in San Francisco. Also consider rarity in California, North America, world.

Comment:

Size: Large Medium Small

Notable size (height, diameter, canopy width) compared to other trees of the same species.

Comment: 7 1/2' tall, 9' spread, 3" caliper to trunk

Age: Significantly advanced Not significantly advanced

Significantly advanced age for this species (known or estimated).

Comment: Hard to say. Could be very old, though the homeowner informed me that this plant has grown significantly in the decade and a half since the ivy which covered it was removed.

Historical Association: Yes None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: The building was the Laurel Hill Cemetery Groundskeeper's home.

Ethnic appreciation: Yes None apparent

Particular value to certain ethnic groups in neighborhood or city.

Describe nature of appreciation: I don't know

Neighborhood appreciation: Yes None apparent

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

Describe:

Planting defines neighborhood character: ___ Yes No

Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: It's a backyard tree and isn't visible from the public right of way. It is a nice feature in the yard, but it doesn't necessarily create a sense of place on its own.

Profiled in a publication or other media: ___ Yes Unknown

Tree has received print, internet, and/or video media coverage. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: The property owner informs me that the Manzanita is being researched and will be included in a publication when genetic testing is completed. The publication will be through SF State.

High traffic area: ___ Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe:

Low tree density: ___ Low Moderate ___ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe:

Extends between multiple properties: ___ Yes No

High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Describe:

Accessible from public right-of-way: ___ Yes No

High visibility.

Describe:

Important wildlife habitat: Yes ___ No

It's a native plant and provides food for insects and birds.

Interdependent group of trees: ___ Yes No

This tree forms a supercanopy and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe:

Erosion control: ___ Yes No

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Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: Again, sidewalk tree.

Wind or sound barrier: ___ Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe:

Prominent landscape feature: ___ Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible:

Character-defining form: Yes ___ No

Tree is an example of good form for its particular species.

Describe: The Manzanita is growing low and spreads along the ground somewhat. It has been propped up. It appears to be a typical growth pattern for this plant in the wild.

Tree condition: Good ___ Poor ___ Hazard

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

Describe:

Additional comments

The Manzanita is rare, healthy and attractive. My concerns with this nomination are that they plant is small and given its low, as opposed to upright, form I don't know if its tall enough to be considered a tree as opposed to a shrub.

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Evaluator's name: Carolyn Blair

Date of evaluation: April 2, 2008

Scientific name: Arctostaphylos hispidula | _____

Common name: Howell Manzanita _____

Street address: 115 Parker Street _____

Cross streets: Euclid _____

Rare: Rare Uncommon Common Other

Comment: Could be the only Howell Manzanita in San Francisco. Also considered a rarity in California, but documented in Humboldt http://www.calflora.org/cgi-bin/species_query.cgi?where-calrecnum=558

Size: Large Medium Small

Notable size (height, diameter, canopy width) compared to other trees of the same species.

Comment: Interesting trunk formation, mostly horizontal, like a Japanese style tree.

Age: 80 Significantly advanced Not significantly advanced Significantly advanced age for this species (known or estimated).

Comment: Do not know the exact age.

Historical Association: Yes None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: The property originally was part of a historic cemetery; the house could be from the late 1800's according to current owner.:

Ethnic appreciation: Yes None apparent

Particular value to certain ethnic groups in neighborhood or city.

Describe nature of appreciation: Don't know.

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: Soon to be published as a new location of a rare species of Manzanita.

Planting defines neighborhood character: Yes No

Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution

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Profiled in a publication or other media: Yes Unknown

Tree has received print, internet, and/or video media coverage. **Attach documentation f**

High traffic area: Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe: Backyard tree.

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Extends between multiple properties: Yes No

High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Accessible from public right-of-way: Yes No

High visibility.

Important wildlife habitat: Yes No

Wildlife shelter and/or food (observed or potential). Describe and be as specific as possible.

Interdependent group of trees: Yes No

This tree forms a super canopy and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Erosion control: Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Wind or sound barrier: Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: Interesting shaped trunk structure.

Character-defining form: Yes No

Tree is an example of good form for its particular species.

Describe: I am not sure, but I find it a very pleasing shape.

Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

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

Describe: I am not an expert, but it looked in good health to me and well cared for.

Additional comments: The UFC has yet to describe or define what a tree is. This species is known for its unusual form low to the ground. "Manzanita: California has been charmed by its graceful, twisted limbs. Some people even refer to it as, "mountain driftwood," because its branches and trunk have that same look as wood long-sculpted by ocean waves. They make wonderful accent pieces in the native garden and are beautiful in Oriental gardens, as well. An evergreen, its trunks branch close to the ground.

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Evaluator's name: Mike Boss.
Date of evaluation: 4/2/08
Scientific name: Archistophyles hispidula
Common name: Howell's Manzanita
Street address: 115 Parker Ave
Cross streets: Euclid.

Rare: Rare Uncommon Common Other

Unusual species in San Francisco. Also consider rarity in California, North America, world.

Comment: possibly only one of its kind in SF?

Size: Large Medium Small

Notable size (height, diameter, canopy width) compared to other trees of the same species.

Comment: only 6' x 5'. ~~prob~~ probably large for
its species

Age: Significantly advanced Not significantly advanced

Significantly advanced age for this species (known or estimated).

Comment: appears mature.

Historical Association: Yes None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Ethnic appreciation: Yes None apparent

Particular value to certain ethnic groups in neighborhood or city.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

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: _____

Planting defines neighborhood character: Yes No

Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: _____

Profiled in a publication or other media: Yes Unknown

Tree has received print, internet, and/or video media coverage. Attach documentation if appropriate.

Describe coverage: Pending Mike Vescey

High traffic area: Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe: _____

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: _____

Extends between multiple properties: Yes No

High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Describe: _____

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Accessible from public right-of-way: ___ Yes No

High visibility.

Describe: _____

Important wildlife habitat: ___ Yes ___ No

Wildlife shelter and/or food (observed or potential). Describe and be as specific as possible.

Interdependent group of trees: ___ Yes No

This tree forms a supercanopy and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: _____

Erosion control: ___ Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: _____

Wind or sound barrier: ___ Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: _____

Prominent landscape feature: ___ Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: _____

Character-defining form: ___ Yes ___ No

Tree is an example of good form for its particular species.

Describe: _____

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Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

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

Describe: Plant has fallen over, needs support. Significant
lower trunk scar. Interior leaf dieback. Prop like
damage on trunk.

Additional comments

Is it a "tree"? NO.

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Evaluator's name: HILLAN
Date of evaluation: 4/2/08
Scientific name: ARETOS APHYLOS HISP. DVCA
Common name: HONOLULU MANZANITA
Street address: 115. PACKER
Cross streets: _____

Rare: Rare Uncommon Common Other

Unusual species in San Francisco. Also consider rarity in California, North America, world.

Comment: _____

Size: Large Medium Small

Notable size (height, diameter, canopy width) compared to other trees of the same species.

Comment: _____

Age: Significantly advanced Not significantly advanced

Significantly advanced age for this species (known or estimated).

Comment: IN GROWING

Historical Association: Yes None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: BUT WE MAY BE

INFORMED OTHERWISE.

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Ethnic appreciation: Yes None apparent

Particular value to certain ethnic groups in neighborhood or city.

Describe nature of appreciation: BUT KNOWN TO BR CE
VALUE TO NATIVE PROPCS

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: _____

Planting defines neighborhood character: Yes No

Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: BUT NATIVE TO AREA

Profiled in a publication or other media: Yes Unknown

Tree has received print, internet, and/or video media coverage. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: ACCORDING TO OWNER

High traffic area: Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe: _____

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: _____

Extends between multiple properties: Yes No

High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Describe: _____

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Accessible from public right-of-way: ___ Yes No

High visibility.

Describe: _____

Important wildlife habitat: ___ Yes ___ No

Wildlife shelter and/or food (observed or potential). Describe and be as specific as possible.

POSSIBLE FOOD SOURCE

Interdependent group of trees: ___ Yes No

This tree forms a supercanopy and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: _____

Erosion control: ___ Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: _____

Wind or sound barrier: ___ Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: _____

Prominent landscape feature: ___ Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: _____

Character-defining form: ___ Yes No

Tree is an example of good form for its particular species.

Describe: _____

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Tree condition: ___ Good ___ Poor ___ Hazard

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

Describe: UNABLE TO ASSESS,
APPROX THIRTY.

Additional comments

NOT A TREE
NOT A LAND MARK
NEEDS ORGANIC MATTER AT
BASE

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Who can nominate a landmark tree?

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

Things to consider when you nominate a landmark tree

- A permit will be required for any future removal of a landmark tree. If you are a private property owner, you will need a landmark tree removal permit from DPW. If you are City and County department, your department will hold a public hearing and then decide whether or not to approve a tree removal.
- All trees need proper maintenance from a professional arborist including mature and notable trees.
- The property owner is liable for all issues that may arise with a landmark tree. The City and County of San Francisco does not assume liability by conferring landmark status on a tree.

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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?

- An authorized nominator is a Supervisor, head of a City department or agency, Planning Commissioner, Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board member, or property owner.
- The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board and the head of a City department or agency 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.

I am one of the following authorized nominators

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

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.

Property owner:

K. ROSE HILLSON
Name
115 PARKER AVENUE
Address
SF CA 94118
Address
unlisted
Phone (day)

Fax #

Email

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

← PROPERTY OWNER
Name

Address

Address

Phone (day)

Fax #

Email

I am the property owner or an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

X. Rose Johnson Signature
March 3, 2008 Date

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

X. Rose Johnson Signature
March 3, 2008 Date

TREE DESCRIPTION via one gene (second gene pending)
Tree name (species and common name): Arctostaphylos hispidula/Howell's Manzanita
Number of trees: ONE (1)

Street address: 115 PARKER AVENUE, SF, CA 94118

Location of Tree: Front yard Rear yard Side yard Corner-side yard
 Public right-of-way Public lands Not sure
 Other: _____

GPS units (OPTIONAL): _____

Height ~ 6 feet
Average canopy width¹ ~ 5 feet
Circumference at chest level² _____ inches
Circumference at ground level³ _____ inches

1 Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy
2 Distance around trunk at 4.5 ft off the ground. <http://www.isa-arbor.com/publications/tree-eval/heritage.aspx>
3 Distance around trunk on the ground where the trunk meets the soil.

The Urban Forestry Council will use the following criteria to evaluate each potential landmark tree. Please check the applicable criteria boxes and provide additional information about each component. If you need more space to describe the tree, please attach additional sheets.

Species
 Rare The only one to exist in the City and County of San Francisco.
DNA - tested for one gene, pending second gene.

Size or Age
 Greater than typical mature size or age

Cultural/Historical Value
 Significant historical or cultural association with person, place, event
 Significant ethnic appreciation
 Neighborhood appreciation of tree
 Part of planting that defines neighborhood character historical
 Profiled in a publication or other media ← will be

Key Location
 High traffic area
 Low tree density area
 Extends between several properties
 Visually accessible from public right-of-way
NONE

Ecology

- Important wildlife habitat
 Part of interdependent group of trees
 Erosion control
 Wind or sound barrier

Visual characteristic

- Prominent landscape feature *spectacular in bloom + w/ fruits*
 Character defining form

Tree Condition

- No apparent problems Minor problems Major problems Extreme problems

Tree Condition

- Root issues
 Mushrooms (trunk or base of tree)
 Trunk wounds or cracks
 Trunk cavities
 Broken or dead branches
 Crowded or crossing branches
 Pest or disease problem
 Previous construction that may have damaged tree

Describe how/why the tree has historical importance due to an association with a building, structure, site, street, person or event. Historically, many species of unknown/unsurveyed manzanitas grew in the old 49ers cemetery area (Laurel Hill Cemetery) and my lot is immediately adjacent to the former cemetery land. The original owner, Patrick Kenny, was a laborer of Laurel Hill Cemetery and later his occupation was listed as gardener. The site is old Franciscan sand over serpentine. Not much of anything done to the original lot. Publication on this plant is pending.

Describe how/why the tree has cultural, social and/or historical importance.

Culturally, this manzanita could have been used by the Ohlone Indians, but that is not clear yet. Historically, LHC was Landmark # 33, I believe, and nothing remains of it except for my original owner's house with site integrity and the history of James Roof's & Alice Eastwood's manzanita discoveries. Important to California botanical history.

Describe how/why the tree is a defining or meaningful feature of a neighborhood.

This manzanita is a relic/remnant plant that grew at Laurel Hill Cemetery area. The current Laurel Heights neighborhood was once a cemetery sold to developers for housing. Plants were bulldozed. This plant was not available in the trade/nurseries!

Describe how/why the tree has ecological value like wildlife habitat and erosion control.

Hummingbirds drink from the small whitish-pinkish flowers. Robins eat the berries in the late summer. Scrub jays land to wipe their beaks on the smooth bark. Bumblebees travel a "highway" to get to this plant. Tiny birds hangout in tree. Unknown what kind of bird.

Describe any tree health or structure issues.

None that I see as negative. Excellent vitality.

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.

I have never done this so this is what I have but have experts working on this project from SF State and University of California, Berkeley. official voucher specimen collected.
A photograph of the tree must be submitted with this form.
see attached full view and closeup photos — total, 2 pictures.

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

Send to: Attn: Landmark Tree Nomination, 11 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 355-3700
OR environment@sfgov.org

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

The Public Records Act defines a "public record" broadly to include "any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used or retained by any state or local agency, regardless of the physical form or characteristics." Govt. Code § 6252(e). The Sunshine Ordinance defines "public information" as the content of "public records" as defined in the Public Records Act. Admin Code § 67.20(b). Pursuant to the Public Records Act and Sunshine Ordinance, this document is a public record and will be available to the public upon request, at the hearing site, at the San Francisco Main Library, and on the Urban Forestry Council's website. Admin Code §§ 8.16, 67.7 (b), and 67.21(a).

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

San Francisco Urban Forestry Council Criteria for Landmark Tree Evaluation

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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.

Rare: Unusual species in San Francisco. Also consider rarity in California, North America, world.

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

Age: Significantly advanced age (known or estimated).

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

Ethnic appreciation: Particular value to certain ethnic groups in neighborhood or city.

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

Planting defines neighborhood character: Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Profiled in a publication or other media: Tree has received print, internet, video media coverage.

High traffic area: High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Low tree density: Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Extends between multiple properties: High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Accessible from public right-of-way: High visibility.

Important wildlife habitat: Wildlife shelter and/or food (observed or potential).

Interdependent group of trees: This tree forms a supercanopy and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Erosion control: Tree prevents soil erosion.

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

Prominent landscape feature: A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Character defining form: Tree is an example of good form for its particular species.

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