

1 [Resolution Endorsing Landmark Tree Status for the California Buckeye (Aesculus
2 Californica) located behind 757 Pennsylvania Street]

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4 **Resolution endorsing landmark tree status for the California Buckeye (Aesculus**
5 **Californica) located behind 757 Pennsylvania Street, Assessor’s Block 4168, Lot 11.**

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

9 WHEREAS, The California Buckeye (Aesculus Californica) located behind 757
10 Pennsylvania Street fulfills the landmark tree criteria that includes:

11 Rare: The tree is an uncommon, possibly rare, tree in San Francisco;

12 Size: The tree was quite a large specimen for this species with a huge canopy spread
13 and great trunk girth;

14 Age: The tree appeared to be quite old, though no estimation of age was postulated;

15 Historical Association: The tree was of natural historical significance as being a likely
16 genetic and possibly naturally-occurring remnant of the original San Francisco forest.

17 California Buckeyes are native to Potrero Hill, and this specimen is quite possibly a progeny of
18 these locally-native trees;

19 Ethnic Appreciation: California Buckeyes were also used by the Ohlone Indians for
20 fishing and for food;

21 High traffic area and accessible from public right of way: The tree is in a high traffic
22 area, is accessible from a public right of way and is very visible from the station platform as
23 well as from the train;

24 Important wildlife habitat: The tree provided habitat and food for multiple varieties of
25 wildlife, including indigenous species;

1 Prominent landscape feature: The tree was a prominent landscape feature occurring in
2 an area of low tree density;

3 Character-defining form: The tree has a striking character; despite obvious abuse and
4 structural problems, much of the tree appears sound, and is not a hazard;

5 Profiled in a publication or other media: The tree was profiled, with a photo, in the
6 publication "A History of Potrero Hill" by Peter Linenthal and Abigail Johnston.

7 WHEREAS, The California Buckeye (*Aesculus Californica*) located behind 757
8 Pennsylvania Street, Assessor's Block 4168, Lot 11 provides social, environmental and
9 economic benefits to the property, neighborhood and city; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council recommends the California Buckeye
11 (*Aesculus Californica*) located behind 757 Pennsylvania Street, Assessor's Block 4168, Lot 11
12 for landmark tree status to the Board of Supervisors.

13 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's
14 Regular Meeting on December 12, 2008.

15 *Monica Fish*

16 *Monica Fish, Council Secretary*

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18 VOTE: Approved (6-0) (4 Absent) (1 Vacant)

19 Ayes: Chair Milne, Members Blair, Boss, Cohen, D'Agostino, and Hillan,

20 Noes: None

21 Absent: Members LeBeau, Rodgers, Sherk, and Short

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Report of Findings for the California Buckeye at the Cal Trans Station, behind 757 Pennsylvania Street

The Landmark Tree Committee of the Urban Forestry Council met on Monday Nov 17, 2008 and considered the nomination for Landmark Status of the California Buckeye (*Aesculus californica*) at the 22nd Street Cal Trans Station, behind 757 Pennsylvania Street.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend landmark status. The vote was 4-0.

The committee members voted for recommendation of landmark status, found that the tree met standards that would merit Landmark Tree Status. These standards included:

- The tree is an uncommon, possibly rare, tree in San Francisco
- The tree was quite a large specimen for this species with a huge canopy spread and great trunk girth
- The tree appeared to be quite old, though no estimation of age was postulated
- The tree was of natural historical significance as being a likely genetic and possibly naturally-occurring remnant of the original San Francisco forest. California Buckeyes are native to Potrero Hill, and this specimen is quite possibly a progeny of these locally-native trees. California Buckeyes were also used by the Ohlone Indians for fishing and for food.
- The tree is in a high traffic area, is accessible from a public right of way and is very visible from the station platform as well as from the train.
- The tree provided habitat and food for multiple varieties of wildlife, including indigenous species
- The tree was a prominent landscape feature occurring in an area of low tree density.
- The tree was profiled, with a photo, in the publication "A History of Potrero Hill" by Peter Linenthal and Abigail Johnston
- The tree has a striking character; despite obvious abuse and structural problems, much of the tree appears sound, and is not a hazard.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Boss

Chair, Landmark Tree Committee of the San Francisco Urban Forestry Council
November 19, 2008

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: 11/6/08

Scientific name: Aesculus californica

Common name: California Buckeye

Street address: 757 Pennsylvania

Cross streets:

Rare: Rare Uncommon Common Other

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

Comment: Not many locations in San Francisco can support this low and spreading tree. There are a few, but I believe they are uncommon enough to be considered rare.

Size: Large Medium Small

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

Comment: This very old tree is growing on a hillside and has had many branches die out over the years. The trunk is gnarled and wide with many branches emanating from a low point on the trunk. It was not possible to measure the DBH due to the landscape and shape of the tree, but I estimate it to be about 10". I estimate the height to be between 25-30'. The tree runs the entire length of two sections of property: one distinct section of building and one parking lot. According to the property owner, these two areas are roughly 100' in length together, which is the width of the canopy.

Age: Significantly advanced Not significantly advanced

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

Comment: This tree is very significantly advanced in age. The tree is extremely large and the trunk shows signs of old branches which were replaced by branches that are now 30'+ long.

Historical Association: Yes None apparent

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

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

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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: I wouldn't say this tree defines the neighborhood character, I would say it delightfully detracts from the character of its immediate surroundings and creates its own. This tree is a welcome respite to the industrial, under-the-freeway, alongside-train-tracks, and generally unpleasant aesthetics of the area it grows in.

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: _____

High traffic area: Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe: While the tree is in an incredibly high traffic area, under the freeway and alongside the Cal Train tracks, it can't reduce traffic speeds in anyway.

It can make things nicer for those utilizing the public transportation system.

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: Very low density. Standing at the base of the hill where this tree is growing, there are very few other trees even visible.

Extends between multiple properties: Yes No

High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Describe: It has very high visibility, given its position near the train tracks. It is resting on one property with a large portion of branches in another.

Accessible from public right-of-way: Yes No

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High visibility.

Describe: Pedestrian access to rain tracks, not street.

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: No other trees around.

Erosion control: Yes ___ No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: Absolutely. It's growing on a very steep hill.

Wind or sound barrier: ___ Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: While it's large and low, and there is a building adjacent to the tree, the level and type of noise and wind that passes near the tree is not something the tree would likely mitigate to any noticeable degree. – CalTrain is extremely loud.

Prominent landscape feature: Yes ___ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: Absolutely. Its form and size are singularly notable. It's an amazing specimen.

Character-defining form: Yes ___ No

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

Describe: It exhibits a noticeably heavier level of growth on the uphill side, is not branched evenly on all sides, due to removal of large branches on the down hill side, on the side closer to the train tracks. It's unclear if the branches were removed for the health of the tree or for some other purpose.

Tree condition: ___ Good ___ Poor ___ Hazard

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

Describe: While the tree condition isn't very good, I don't know if I would call it poor. The tree has many issues with broken branches or improperly removed branches – branch breakouts and trunk wounding associated with failures. There are two sections of lumber, which are possibly railroad ties, that were placed among the tree branches many years ago, which the tree is now subsuming. However, the tree does have a lot of healthy, lush growth. The canopy is thick with year old growth and there are some buckeye nuts hanging in the branches.

While the tree may have some potential health or structural problems, it appears stable and sound. The naturally wide and low-seated tree has a majority of large branches that dip and rest on the ground as it

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is. There isn't really anything for the branches to tear out and fall on, and again, most of the branches are already contacting the ground. Additionally, there is a gully and stream separating the tree on the downhill side from the train tracks – any branches failures that do move away from the tree would likely slide into the gully and not into the adjacent foot traffic area which is above grade of the gully area.

Additional comments

Adjacent property owner reported that the tree did not appear to suffer when the 280 retrofitting of supporting columns resulting in significant root cutting and loss, this happened roughly 10 years ago.

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Evaluator's name: CAROLYN BLAIR

Date of evaluation: SUNDAY 16, 2008

Scientific name: _____

Common name: CALIFORNIA BUCKEYE

Street address: 757 PENNSYLVANIA

Cross streets: 22ND STREET VISIBLE AT 22TH STREET CAL TRAIN STATION

Rare: Rare Uncommon Common Other

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

Comment: BECAUSE SAN FRANCISCO HAS ONLY 1% LARGE MATURE TREES WITH ANY GRANDEUR OR CHACTER – THIS IS A RARE AND AN ENDANGERED SPECIES –ONE OF LANDMARK QUALITY.

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: DON'T KNOW THE AGE

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.

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Describe contribution: THE TREE IS AN AMAZING SIZE, UNLIKE ALL OTHERS NEAR BY, WITH GREAT CHACTER THAT MAKES A STATEMENT THAT SOMEONE REALLY CARED ENOUGH TO PLANT SUCH A GREAT TREE AND IT IS STILL THERE!!!

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: DON'T KNOW

High traffic area: Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe: UNUSUAL LOCATION AT THE 22TH STREET CAL TRAIN STATION.

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: LOCATED AT THE 22TH STREET CAL TRAIN STATION.

Important wildlife habitat: Yes No

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

DON'T KNOW

Interdependent group of trees: Yes No

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

Describe: THE TREE HAS A SUPER CANOPY OF ITS SELF

Erosion control: Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: _____

Wind or sound barrier: Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: SOUND OF THE TRAIN GOING BY

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Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: IS OUTSTANDING AND STRIKING

Character-defining form: Yes No

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

Describe: NEEDS PROPER PRUNING

Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

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

Describe: _____

Additional comments

DESERVES TO BE LANDMARKED – GREAT, GRAND TREE.

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Evaluator's name: HILLAN, M

Date of evaluation: 11 . 06 . 08

Scientific name: AESCULUS CALIFORNICA

Common name: CALIF. BUCKEYE

Street address:

Cross streets: 22nd + PENNSYLVANIA (@ CALTRAIN STOP)

Rare: Rare Uncommon Common Other

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

Comment: NOT RARE, BUT RELATIVELY FEW LEFT IN SAN FRANCISCO. CA AND SAN FRANCISCO NATIVE.

Size: Large Medium Small

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

Comment: VERY WIDE + MULTITRUNKED, REFLECTING AGE

Age: Significantly advanced Not significantly advanced

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

Comment: _____

Historical Association: Yes None apparent

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

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

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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: _____

High traffic area: ___ Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe: THIS DISTINCTIVE TREE ADDS INTEREST
TO AN OTHERWISE DEPRESSING LANDSCAPE

Low tree density: Low ___ Moderate ___ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: THIS PARCEMENT ACHES FOR VEGETATION.

Extends between multiple properties: ___ Yes No ??

High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

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Describe: _____

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: TREE IS LARGE, AND
OF STRIKING, IF DAMAGED, FORM

Character-defining form: Yes No

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

WITH EXCEPTION OF THE UNFORTUNATE
PRUNING CUTS

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Describe: _____

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

Describe: NOT A HAZARD. THIRTY FOR
ITS AGE

Additional comments

RECOMMEND FOR LANDMARK
STATUS.

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Evaluator's name: Mark Sustarich
Date of evaluation: November 14, 2008
Scientific name: Aesculus californica
Common name: California buckeye
Street address: Behind 757 Pennsylvania St.
Cross streets: 22nd St. South of Cal Train 22nd St. Station

Rare: Rare Uncommon Common Other

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

Comment: Appears to be a relict of a once common
bayside species

Size: Large Medium Small

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

Comment: Basal diameter approximately 68.5"
25'-30' tall x 80' wide x 30' wide

Age: Significantly advanced Not significantly advanced

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

Comment: Diameter of base indicates considerable age.
Date when the road cut was made could help indicate a

Historical Association: Yes None apparent

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

Describe nature of appreciation: Species was native to area. More
common ~~at~~ development of bay area.

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Ethnic appreciation: Yes None apparent

Particular value to certain ethnic groups in neighborhood or city.

Describe nature of appreciation: The Ohlones used the seeds as food and crushed the seeds to stupefy fish in streams

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: Visible from CalTrain 22nd St. Station and from train.

Planting defines neighborhood character: Yes No

Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: The tree is native to Potrero Hill

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: Photographed and described on page 11 of San Francisco's Potrero Hill.

High traffic area: Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe: Cal Train passes by tree. Can be seen from Iowa St.

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: Very few trees on this slope

Extends between multiple properties: Yes No

High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Describe: In back of private property, next to Cal Train and freeway ROW, (Right-of-Way)

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Accessible from public right-of-way: Yes No

High visibility.

Describe: Can be viewed and approached from
Cal Train 22nd St. Station

Important wildlife habitat: Yes No

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

Tree native to area, use of seeds as food by wildlife
unknown.

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: Tree is situated between railway
and private property.

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: Very few trees on ROW.
Must be striking when in leaf and flower.

Character-defining form: Yes No

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

Describe: The large base of tree and prostrate
growth form is unusual.

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

Describe: Poor pruning on Cal Train side. Fungal
conks indicate some decay, ivy growing at base.

Additional comments

Remove stubs, deadwood and broken branches.
Remove trash and ivy under canopy of tree
Trim branches away from wall of private property.
A perennial stream flows along base of slope.
I highly recommend this tree be granted
Landmark Tree Status.

1 [Landmark Designation Nomination for the California Buckeye tree located behind 757
2 Pennsylvania Street]

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4 **Resolution of intent initiating the nomination of the California Buckeye tree (*Aesculus***
5 ***Californica*) located behind 757 Pennsylvania Street, (Assessor's Bock 416B, Lot 11)**
6 **for landmark tree status pursuant to Public Works Code Section 810(b), acknowledging**
7 **temporary designation pursuant to Public Works Section 810(d), and authorizing other**
8 **official acts in furtherance of the Resolution.**

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10 WHEREAS, Trees provide numerous environmental and social benefits such as
11 reducing stormwater runoff, reducing energy use, reducing air pollution, improving air quality,
12 increasing property values and providing wildlife habitat; and

13 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance Number 17-06, an
14 amendment to Public Works Code Section 810, landmark trees, significant trees, and
15 penalties for violation in support of a landmark tree program, and a copy of said Ordinance is
16 on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in file number 051458 which is incorporated
17 herein by reference; and,

18 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted the Urban Forestry Council's landmark
19 tree designation criteria, forms and procedures in Resolution Enacted Number 440-06. A
20 copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File Number
21 060487 which is incorporated herein by reference on file with the Clerk of the Board of
22 Supervisors in File No. 081305, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if
23 set forth fully herein; and,

24 WHEREAS, The California Buckeye tree (*Aesculus Californica*) located behind 757
25 Pennsylvania Street, pictures of which are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in

1 File Number 081305, is the only Buckeye variety native to the State of California and a
2 relatively rare species in San Francisco, and contributes to the visual aesthetic of CalTrain
3 riders waiting on the platform at the 22nd Street Station and the Potrero Hill community: now,
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board, pursuant to Public Works Code Section 810(b), hereby
6 adopts this resolution of intent to initiate landmark tree designation for the California Buckeye
7 tree (*Aesculus Californica*) located behind 757 Pennsylvania Street, (Assessor's Bock 416B,
8 Lot 11) and acknowledges the temporary designation of such tree for landmark status
9 pursuant to Public Works Code Section 810(d); and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board directs the Clerk to forward this Resolution
11 and accompanying documents contained in the file to the Urban Forestry Council to begin the
12 landmark tree designation process for the subject trees; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Director of Public Works to
14 immediately notify the affected department of the pending nomination and inform said
15 department of special approval requirement for removal of landmark trees under Public
16 Works Code 810(f) if such notification has not yet occurred.



City and County of San Francisco

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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Tails
Resolution

File Number: 081305

Date Passed:

Resolution of intent initiating the nomination of the California Buckeye tree (*Aesculus Californica*) located behind 757 Pennsylvania Street, (Assessor's Bock 416B, Lot 11) for landmark tree status pursuant to Public Works Code Section 810(b), acknowledging temporary designation pursuant to Public Works Section 810(d), and authorizing other official acts in furtherance of the Resolution.

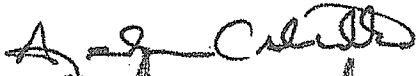
October 21, 2008 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval.

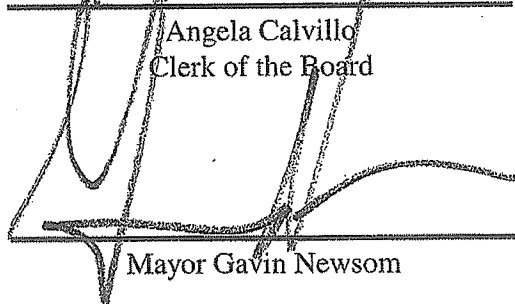
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 21, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

10/30/2008
Date Approved



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Gavin Newsom

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?

- ☼ 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.

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

Property owner:

x Sophenia Maxwell
Name City Hall
1 Carlton B. Goodlett # 279
Address
San Francisco, Ca. 94102
Address
415-554-7671
Phone (day)

Fax #
Sophie.maxwell@sfgov.org
Email
cc: emily.rogers@sfgov.org

Name

Address

Address

Phone (day)

Fax #

Email

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

Joni Eisen
Name

592 Pennsylvania
Address

SF 94107
Address

Address

Phone (day) 415-648-6740

Fax #

Email joneisen@sbcglobal.net

I am an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

X [Signature] Signature

October 7, 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.

Signature

Date

TREE DESCRIPTION

Tree name (species and common name): California Buckeye

Number of trees: 1

Street address: (behind) 757 Pennsylvania

Block 4168
Lot 11

Location of Tree: Front yard Rear yard Side yard Corner-side yard

Public right-of-way Public lands Not sure

Other: at Carina platform level, approx. 130 yds S. of 22nd St

GPS units (OPTIONAL): _____

Height c. 40 feet

Average canopy width¹ c. 75 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-ord/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. If you need more space to describe the tree, please attach additional sheets.

Rarity: Rare Uncommon Common Other

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

Comment: Calif and Potrero Hill native

Size: Large Medium Small

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

Comment: Great width but not height

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

Comment: _____

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: Used for Ohlone food and fishing

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: pg 11 of History of Potrero Hill by Peter Linenthal + Abigail Johnston

High traffic area: Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe: train riders

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: from train platform only

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: Has the look of a distinctive, significant trees.

Character-defining form: Yes No

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

Describe: _____

Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

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

Describe: evidence of insects + poor pruning, needs work but is not a hazard.

Additional comments

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.

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