

1 [Resolution Endorsing Landmark Tree Status]

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3 **Resolution endorsing landmark tree status for the Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria***
4 ***heterophylla*) located at 2040-2060 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California 94115,**
5 **Assessor's Block 0678, Lots 037-104.**

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 Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*) located at 2040-2060
10 Sutter Street, Assessor's Block 0678, Lots 037-104, fulfills the landmark tree criteria that
11 includes:

12 This large specimen dominates the group of three trees located at 2040-2060 Sutter
13 Street, and is an exemplary representative of its type, both in size and form. The primary
14 virtues of the tree are physical and environmental. The tremendous size and excellent form
15 are noteworthy. The tree has the effect of anchoring, visually and culturally, the other trees
16 and the entire courtyard garden. While not a rare tree in San Francisco, Norfolk Island Pines
17 of this stature and position are uncommon. The Landmark Tree Committee voted
18 unanimously to recommend this tree for landmarking; and

19 WHEREAS, The Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*) located at 2040-2060
20 Sutter Street, Assessor's Block 0678, Lots 037-104 provides social, environmental and
21 economic benefits to the property, neighborhood and city.

22 WHEREAS, The Council finds that the Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*) is
23 worthy of Landmark Tree status as it meets the Rarity criteria as it is an uncommon tree,
24 Physical criteria in size, age, distinguished form and condition, and the Environmental criteria
25 as part of an interdependent group of trees; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council recommends the Norfolk Island Pine
2 (Araucaria heterophylla) located at 2040-2060 Sutter Street, Assessor's Block 0678, Lots 037-
3 104 for landmark tree status to the Board of Supervisors.

4 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's
5 Regular Meeting on December 11, 2009.

6 Monica Fish

7 *Monica Fish, Council Secretary*

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9 VOTE: Approved (9-0) (0 Absent) (2 Vacant)

10 Ayes: Chair Milne, Vice-Chair D'Agostino, Members Buck, Cohen, Hillan, LeBeau, Sherk,
11 Rodgers and Vargas

12 Noes: None

13 Absent: None

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December 7, 2009

To the Urban Forestry Council:

The Landmark Tree Committee submits three trees to the Council for adoption as Landmark Trees. The trees are a Norfolk Island pine and two Canary Island date palms.

All three trees are located at 2040-2060 Sutter Street, in the interior courtyard of the condominium complex at that address. The location is a common-area garden surrounded on three sides by the residences, and visible from the East (Fillmore Street) side. The trees grow in close proximity to each other.

The trees were proposed for landmarking by the Sutter Park West Homeowner's Association. Homeowner Heather Levin acted as the spokesperson for the group.

The trees are as follows:

1) *Araucaria heterophylla* (Norfolk Island pine)--This large specimen dominates the group, and is an exemplary representative of its type, both in size and form. The primary virtues of the tree are physical and environmental. The tremendous size and excellent form are noteworthy. The tree has the effect of anchoring, visually and culturally, the other trees and the entire courtyard garden. While not a rare tree in San Francisco, Norfolk Island pines of this stature and position are uncommon. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend this tree for landmarking.

2) *Phoenix canariensis* #1 (Canary Island date palm)--Smallest of the three trees, this tree is nonetheless a large and mature specimen of *Phoenix canariensis*. The palm is of excellent form. It exhibits several whorls of chlorotic fronds—as if having endured a period of deficiency or toxicity—but appears to be in good health, with current and recent growth of excellent color and condition. As with the *Araucaria*, the physical and environmental aspects of the tree were thought to be excellent. While not particularly rare or interesting as an individual, the Committee thought this tree was an integral and important part of this group of trees, and voted unanimously to recommend it for landmarking.

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3) *Phoenix canariensis* #2—A large and mature specimen, this individual has an interesting history and feature: The palm tipped considerably during bad weather in the 1980s, and had to be physically stabilized by the homeowner's group. It has since resumed its upright growth in an apparently stable, self-sufficient condition. The result is a gentle sigmoid curve in the trunk, giving this palm a distinctive appearance. It is in all other regards healthy and of excellent form. As with the first palm, the Committee regarded this tree of superior physical and environmental value, and essential to the other trees and their effect on the space. The Committee recommended it unanimously for landmarking.

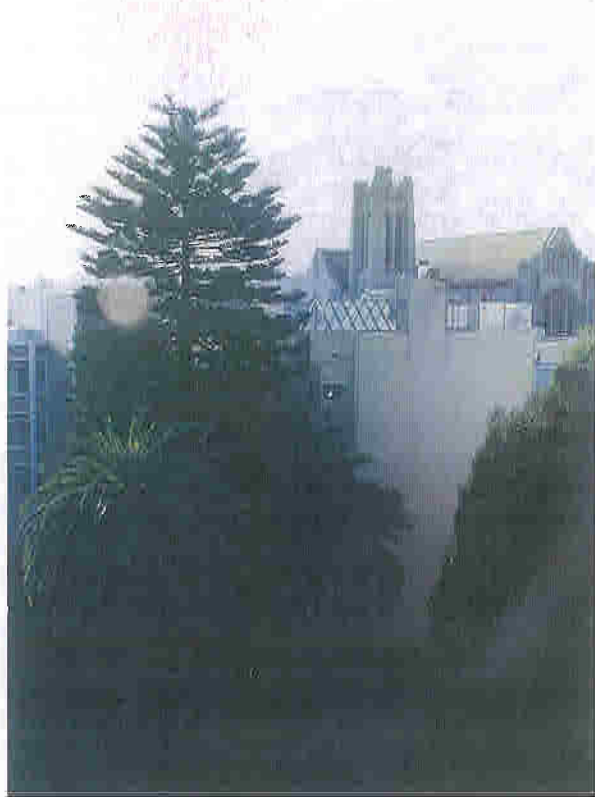
It is with pleasure that the Committee submits this report to the full Council requesting all three trees be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for landmarking.

Respectfully,

Malcolm Hillan, Chair
Landmark Tree Committee
Urban Forestry Council

Images of nominated trees at 2040 Sutter Street

All trees together:

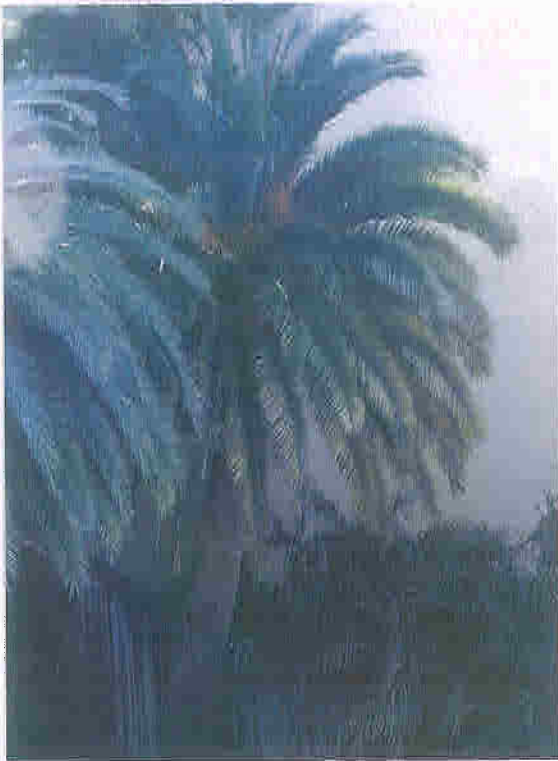


Norfolk Island Pine:

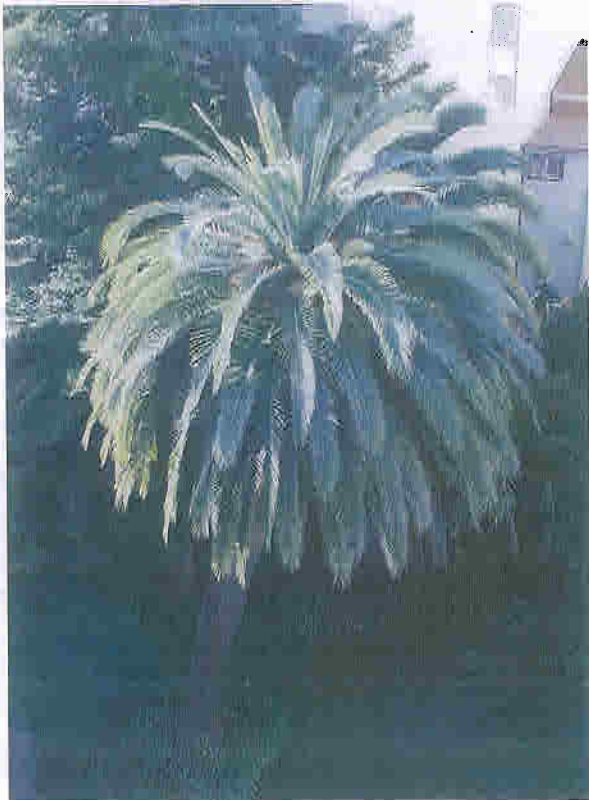


Images of nominated trees at 2040 Sutter Street

Canary Island Date #1



Canary Island Date #2



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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?

- 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
Address
Address
Phone (day)
Fax #
Email

I am an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

Signature
Date

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

Sutter Park West HOA
Name
2040 Sutter Street
Address
2060 Sutter Street
Address
San Francisco CA 94115
Address
Phone (day) c/o Citiscape Property Management
3450 Third St Suite 1-A SF, Cal 94124
Phone (day)
Fax # 415 695 2999
Fax #
Email jcarney@citiscapesf.com
Email
phone 415 401 2000
phone

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
Board of Directors

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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): Aravearia heterophylla

Number of trees: one Norfolk Island Pine

Street address: Sutterlark West - 2040/2060 Sutter Street
San Francisco, Ca 94115

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

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 85 feet

Average canopy width 20 feet
Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy

Circumference at chest level 32 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 43 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: _____

Physical

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

Comment: _____

Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: poss ≈ 60 year

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

Describe: _____

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

Describe: _____

Historical

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

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

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: _____

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: _____

Interdependent group of trees: Yes No

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

Describe: close to and in between two large canary island palm trees

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: from sidewalk Fillmore Street at sidegate - visible

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: _____

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.

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: _____

Describe: _____

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:

Describe: _____

Cultural appreciation: ___ Yes None apparent

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

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: Yes ___ No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: _____

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: height, stunning branches

Additional comments

**Urban Forestry Council
Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria**

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Evaluator's name: MALCOLM HILLAN
Date of evaluation: 10 - 19 - 09
Scientific name: ARAUCARIA HETEROPHYLLA
Common name: NORFOLK ISLAND PINE
Street address: 2040-2060 SUTTER STREET
Cross streets: FILLMORE + STEINER

Rarity ___ Yes ___ Partially No

Rarity: ___ Rare ___ Uncommon Common ___ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: VALUED IN OUR AREA FOR FORM
AND RECOGNIZABILITY FROM A DISTANCE

Physical Attributes Yes ___ Partially ___ No

Size: Large ___ Medium ___ Small

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

Comment: NICELY DEVELOPED MATURE SPECIMEN

Age: ___ Yes ___ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: MATURE, BUT NOT OVERLY SO

Distinguished form: Yes ___ No

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

Describe: POSSESSES CLASSIC A. het. FORM
GREAT SPECIMEN!

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

Historical Yes Partially No

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

Describe nature of appreciation: THE APPLICANT WAS UNAWARE
OF ANY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OR PUBLISHED →

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: _____

→ INFORMATION ON THIS TREE.

Environmental Yes Partially No

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.
Describe, attach photo if possible: LARGE SPECIMEN, STANDING
IN A PROMINENT GROUP.

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.
Describe: FEW TREES OF THIS STATURE IN
THE AREA. AN ASSET PARTICULARLY TO
THE "COURTYARD" AREA.

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: DIFFICULT TO SAY ... BUT
QUITE POSSIBLY INTERDEPENDENT, STRUCTURALLY.

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property... BUT SLIGHT...
Describe: NARROW VIEW FROM THE END
OF THE COURTYARD.

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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: TREE IS IN A
PROTECTED COURTYARD

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.

Describe: NONE APPARENT

Erosion control: Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: NA.

Wind or sound barrier: Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: ✓

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: AS DESCRIBED BRIEFLY BY
APPLICANT

Cultural appreciation: Yes None apparent

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

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: Yes No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: UNDOUBTEDLY ... THIS
TREE AND ITS NEIGHBORS CONSTITUTE THE
VISUAL FOCAL-POINT OF THE COURTYARD AREA.

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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: _____

OUTSTANDING SPECIMEN.

LARGE VISUAL IMPACT.

Additional comments

WHILE THE PUBLIC ACCESS / VISUAL
IMPACT IS LIMITED, THE STATURE
AND CONDITION OF THIS NORFOLK ISLAND
PINE IS WORTHY OF LANDMARK STATUS.
THE UNIQUE GROUPING (WITH THE
TWO PALMS GROWING ALONGSIDE) ADDS
INTEREST, AND WITHOUT DOUBT CONTRIBUTES
TO THE VALUE OF THE COURTYARD GARDENS,
ENJOYED BY MANY AND VIEWED BY
MANY MORE. I RECOMMEND FOR
LANDMARK STATUS.

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Evaluator's name: Mei Ling Hui

Date of evaluation: 10/19/09

Scientific name: Araucaria heterophylla

Common name: Norfolk Island Pine

Street address: 2040 Sutter Street

Cross streets: Steiner Street

Rarity ___ Yes Partially ___ No

Rarity: ___ Rare Uncommon ___ Common ___ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: Not the most uncommon tree in San Francisco, but due to its size, not the most common tree either.

Physical Attributes Yes ___ Partially ___ No

Size: Large ___ Medium ___ Small

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

Comment: This specimen is very large.

Age: Yes ___ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: It is a mature tree.

Distinguished form: Yes ___ No

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

Describe: The tree is incredibly beautiful and a good example of its species. It's tall and straight, tapering towards the top, with lower branches drooping and higher branches curving upward. The branches are well spaced. It's just gorgeous.

Tree condition: Good ___ Poor ___ Hazard

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

Describe: Tree looks very healthy – though there is one spot of moss growing on the trunk near the base of the tree on the west side. The garden is quite shady.

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: It is the most prominent feature of the courtyard garden, not only due to it's stature, but it's beautiful form and health.

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: This tree's early growth may have been supported by the palm trees, before it overtook them. While the tree is currently shading out one of the palms somewhat, as the palms grow, the Norfolk Island Pine may provide some wind shelter.

Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: Yes No
High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.
Describe: This tree may be visible from other properties or even from a section of the street at the end of the courtyard, however, it is not highly visible nor publicly accessible.

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.
Describe: While the tree is significantly taller than adjacent buildings, given its location within an interior courtyard between buildings, it's not likely that there is much wind or noise to block.

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: Tree is communally owned by the building's HOA; in order to submit this application, the HOA's Board of Director's had to approve the nominations, which they could not have done without community support.

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: Tree creates character for the surrounding area.

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.

Describe, attach photo if possible: The shady and cool character of the courtyard area of the HOA is highly influenced by this tree.

Additional comments

Gorgeous, gorgeous tree.

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Evaluator's name: Kelaine Vargas

Date of evaluation: Oct. 19, 2009

Scientific name: *Araucaria heterophylla*

Common name: Norfolk Island pine

Street address: Courtyard at 2040 Sutter St.

Cross streets: _____

Rarity Yes Partially No

Rarity: Rare Uncommon Common Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: There are only three Norfolk Island Pine trees along the streets of San Francisco, although more exist in backyards and parks. Nevertheless, the species is unusual.

Physical Attributes Yes Partially No

Size: Large Medium Small

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

Comment: This is a large and impressive specimen.

Age: Yes No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: It's size suggests advanced age.

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-formed.

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Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

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

Describe: The tree appears to be in very good health.

Historical Yes Partially No

Historical Association: Yes None apparent

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

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

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 Yes Partially No

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: _____

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: _____

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: _____

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: _____

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: _____

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.

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: _____

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: _____

Cultural appreciation: Yes None apparent

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

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: Yes No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: _____

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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: _____

Additional comments

This tree, because of its significant size, provides the city of San Francisco with valuable environmental benefits in the form of ecosystem services, helping clean the air, reduce stormwater loads, and combat climate change through sequestering carbon. Few trees in the city are as large (particularly in very urban areas like Sutter St.) and therefore as valuable from an environmental perspective.

