

1 [Resolution Endorsing Landmark Tree Status]

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3 **Resolution endorsing landmark tree status for the Canary Island Date Palm #2**
4 **(Phoenix canariensis) located at 2040-2060 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California**
5 **94115, 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 Canary Island Date Palm #2 (Phoenix canariensis) located at 2040-
10 2060 Sutter Street, Assessor's Block 0678, Lots 037-104, fulfills the landmark tree criteria that
11 includes:

12 The Canary Island Date Palm #2 (Phoenix canariensis) is a large and mature specimen
13 and has an interesting history and feature. The palm tipped considerably during bad weather
14 in the 1980s, and had to be physically stabilized by the homeowner's group. It has since
15 resumed its upright growth in an apparently stable, self-sufficient condition. The result is a
16 gentle sigmoid curve in the trunk, giving this palm a distinctive appearance. It is in all other
17 regards healthy and of excellent form. As with the first Canary Island Date Palm at this
18 location, the Committee regarded this tree of superior physical and environmental value, and
19 essential to the other trees and their effect on the space. The Committee recommended it
20 unanimously for landmarking.

21 WHEREAS, The Canary Island Date Palm #2 (Phoenix canariensis) located at 2040-
22 2060 Sutter Street, Assessor's Block 0678, Lots 037-104 provides social, environmental and
23 economic benefits to the property, neighborhood and city.

24 WHEREAS, The Council finds that the Canary Island Date Palm #2 (Phoenix
25 canariensis) is worthy of Landmark Tree status as it meets the Physical criteria in size, age,

1 distinguished form and condition, and the Environmental criteria as a prominent landscape
2 feature and as part of an interdependent group of trees; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council recommends the Canary Island Date Palm
4 #2 (Phoenix canariensis) located at 2040-2060 Sutter Street, Assessor's Block 0678, Lots
5 037-104 for landmark tree status to the Board of Supervisors.

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

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9 *Monica Fish, Council Secretary*

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11 VOTE: Approved (8-1) (0 Absent) (2 Vacant)

12 Ayes: Vice-Chair D'Agostino, Members Buck, Cohen, Hillan, LeBeau, Sherk, Rodgers,
13 Vargas

14 Noes: Chair Milne

15 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:

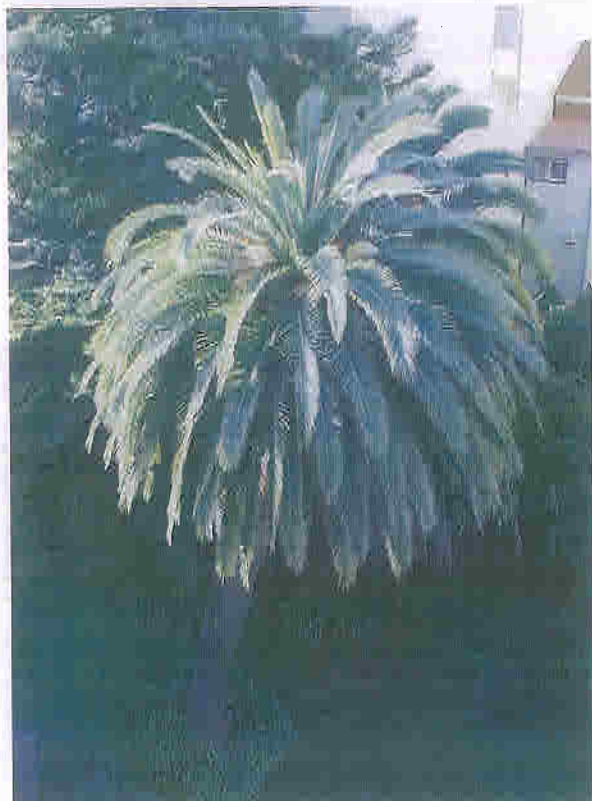


Images of nominated trees at 2040 Sutter Street

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):

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

Name
Address
Address
Phone (day)
Fax #
Email

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 Ca 94124
Fax #
415 695 2999
Email jcarney@citiscapest.com

I am an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

phone 415 401 2000
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

Barbara de Vries
Signature
9/15/09
Date

Board of Directors
Homeowner Spokesperson
Heather Levin
hlevin24@yahoo.com

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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): Phoenix Canisiansis Canary Island Palm

Number of trees: two of two

Street address: Sutter Park West 2040/2060 Sutter Street
San Francisco Cal 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 50 feet

Average canopy width 16 feet
Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy

Circumference at chest level 20 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 29 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: possible circa 1915?

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: very close to other canary island palm and norfolk pine

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: Fillmore Street Sidewalk from side gate

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.

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

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: large golden crown with symmetrical canopy

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: PHOENIX CANARIENSIS
Common name: CANARY ISLAND DATE PALM #
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: REGARDED AS A TREE OFTEN
USED AND RECOGNIZABLE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Physical Attributes Yes Partially No

Size: Large Medium Small

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

Comment: BIG ONE!

Age: Yes No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: MATURE SPECIMEN : NOTEWORTHY!

Distinguished form: Yes No

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

Describe: TREE HAS EVIDENCE OF HAVING PARTIALLY
FALLEN YEARS AGO, NEW GROWTH IS UPRIGHT...
THE SUBSEQUENT LEAN AND SHAPE YIELDS A
UNIQUE CHARACTER.

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Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

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

Describe: TREE APPEARS IN EXCELLENT HEALTH. LEAN IS UNNERVING, BUT THE TREE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN STABLE FOR MANY YEARS ... NOT OVERHANGING ANY SIGNIFICANT TARGET.

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: INTERESTING SPECIMEN.

PART OF AN UNUSUAL GROUPING OF LARGE TREES

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: STATURE IS UNUSUAL -> NOT MANY OF THIS SCALE IN 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: HARD TO ASSESS, BUT MAY BE OF

IMPORTANCE TO THE OTHER TWO TREES IT'S GROUPED WITH...

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: VISIBLE FROM END OF "COURTYARD"

AREA ... MODERATE VISIBILITY TO PUBLIC. HIGH VISIBILITY TO RESIDENTS SURROUNDING 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.

NONE APPARENT

Erosion control: Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: N.A.

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: ONLY AS DESCRIBED BY

APPLICANT ... APPROPRIATE APPRECIATION; NOT DOCUMENTED

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: THIS TREE, AND THOSE WITH IT,

MEMORIZE THE LOVELY GARDENS SURROUNDING
THEM, SETTING THE TONE FOR THIS COMMUNITY
COURTYARD.

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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: AN UNUSUAL SPECIMEN.
SIGNIFICANT VISUAL IMPACT.

Additional comments

PUBLIC ACCESS IS LIMITED, BUT
THE STATURE AND UNIQUE CONDITION
OF THIS PALM, ESPECIALLY IN
COMBINATION WITH THE TWO TREES
NEARBY, YIELDS GREAT VALUE, WORTHY
OF LANDMARK STATUS. WITHOUT DOUBT,
IT CONTRIBUTES TO THE COMMUNITY
IN A MANNER WORTHY OF PROTECTING.
I RECOMMEND FOR LANDMARK STATUS.

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Evaluator's name: Kelaine Vargas

Date of evaluation: Oct. 19, 2009

Scientific name: *Phoenix canariensis* (#2: straight trunk)

Common name: Canary Island Date palm

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: _____

Physical Attributes Yes Partially No

Size: Large Medium Small

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

Comment: _____

Age: Yes No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: Unknown.

Distinguished form: Yes No

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

Describe: The form of this specimen is average.

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Tree condition: ___ Good ___X___ Poor ___ Hazard
Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard
Describe: _The lower half of the fronds are yellowed. _____

Historical ___ Yes ___ Partially ___X___ No

Historical Association: ___ Yes ___X___ 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 ___X___ 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 ___X___ No
A striking and outstanding natural feature.
Describe, attach photo if possible: _____

Low tree density: ___ Low ___X___ Moderate ___ High
Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.
Describe: _____

Interdependent group of trees: ___ Yes ___X___ 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 ___X___ No
High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.
Describe: _____

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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: _____

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: _____

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

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Evaluator's name: Mei Ling Hui

Date of evaluation: 10/19/09

Scientific name: Phoenix canariensis

Common name: Canary Island Date Palm #2

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: Extremely common tree in San Francisco

Physical Attributes Yes ___ Partially ___ No

Size: Large ___ Medium ___ Small

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

Comment: Tree is mature and large.

Age: Yes ___ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: Tree is mature.

Distinguished form: Yes ___ No

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

Describe: Tree leans significantly to the east, but appears to be stable.

Tree condition: Good ___ Poor ___ Hazard

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

Describe:

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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.

Describe nature of appreciation: It was reported to me that a previous land owner, before the condos were built and the area was row houses, may have information on when the trees were planted and by whom, though these individuals were unreachable.

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: Tree is located in the center of the courtyard. It's lean makes the physical appearance more striking.

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 may have supported the Norfolk Island Pine by providing wind shelter while the NIP was growing.

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

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: Tree may provide some wind shelter to the neighboring building, however, the buildings are taller than the trees and this is not likely. Likewise, the trees probably are not able to provide much in the way of sound barriers to the surrounding buildings.

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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 trees are located in the courtyard of a large building complex. To nominate this tree, the HOA's Board of Directors met to discuss the merits of the trees and agreed to nominated them. This shows community support for this process.

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.

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: Tree is large, striking and located in the center of the courtyard. It is visible from all parts of the outdoor space.

Additional comments

This is a common tree in San Francisco, but the way it's growing creates more interest for this specimen than the typical palm.

This form is for tree #2 located on the Northern edge of the courtyard and property line, closer to the Norfolk Island Pine; as shown in the following diagram:

