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February 24, 2022

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: San Francisco Urban Forestry Council vote to inform the Board of Supervisors that the Coast Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) at 313 Scott Street meets the criteria for landmark tree status.

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

On December 15, 2021, the Urban Forestry Council received a Landmark Tree nomination from Douglas Durkin, for a coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*), located at 313 Scott Street between Oak and Page.

At their meeting on February 22, 2022, the Urban Forestry Council found that the tree meets the criteria for landmark tree status. The Council found that the coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*), located at 313 Scott Street between Oak and Page, meets the criteria for landmark status and approved Resolution File No. 2022-02-UFC. (Ayes: Chair Sullivan, Vice Chair Crawford, Members Keller, Lacan, Xochitl Flores, Salvadori, Spigelman, Mike Sullivan, Nagle, Stringer, and Trang; Noes: Vaisset-Fauvel; Absent: Polony, Potter)

This letter and the enclosed materials from the February 22, 2022, Urban Forestry Council Meeting serve as written findings and a designation recommendation from the Urban Forestry Council.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, I can be reached at 415-355-3733 or by email at peter.brastow@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,

Peter Brastow
Urban Forestry Council Coordinator

Enclosure:
Urban Forestry Council Hearing Explanatory Documents



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Urban Forestry Council Landmark Tree Committee Report

Submitted by Landmark Tree Committee Chair, Mike Sullivan on February 22, 2022

Committee members present at the February 03, 2022, Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee meeting: Damon Spigelman, Pam Nagle, Morgan Vaisset-Fauvel, Jillian Keller and Michael Sullivan

Address of nominated tree: 313 Scott Street.

Common name: Coast Redwood

Scientific name: *Sequoia sempervirens*

Summary

The Landmark Tree Committee recommends that the Urban Forestry Council approve this nomination and make the determination that this tree qualifies for landmark tree status. The nomination was supported by a vote of 4-1. The Committee supported this nomination based on the tree's physical attributes, environmental benefits, and neighborhood value. The one dissenter noted that the tree had been topped in the past, and thus now has two trunks, and is not as tall as it would otherwise be.

Physical Attributes

Committee members noted the health, vigor, and stature of the tree. While it's not large for a redwood, that it is large for a backyard tree.

Historical

The owner of the tree reported that the tree may have been planted from seedlings distributed during the Panama Pacific International Exposition in 1915.

Environmental

The owner noted that birds and squirrels reside in the tree.

Cultural

The owner noted in his nomination that "all my neighbors love the tree."

1 [Resolution endorsing the coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) tree at 313 Scott
2 Street for landmark tree status]

3 **Resolution endorsing the coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) tree at 313**
4 **Scott Street for Landmark Status, pursuant to Public Works Code Section 810(b).**

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

8 WHEREAS, the coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) tree at 313 Scott Street
9 fulfills the Landmark Tree criteria developed by the Urban Forestry Council, including its
10 physical attributes, environmental benefits, and cultural value; and,

11 WHEREAS, this tree provides social, environmental, and economic benefits to
12 the property, neighborhood, and city; now, therefore be it,

13 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Urban Forestry Council recommends this
14 tree for landmark status to the Board of Supervisors and urges the Board of Supervisors
15 to protect this tree as a landmark tree.

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17 I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's
18 regular meeting on February 22, 2021.

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20 Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator

Andrew Sullivan, Council Chair

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22 Vote: Approved 11-1

- 1 Ayes: Chair Sullivan, Vice Chair Crawford, Lacan, Keller, Nagle, Xochitl, M.
- 2 Sullivan, Spigelman, Salvadori, Trang, Stringer
- 3 Noes: Vaisset-Fauvel
- 4 Absent: Polony, Potter
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Urban Forestry Council**

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Remote meeting via web conference**

Refer to the “Remote Access to Information and Participation” section below for instructions.

Council Members: Andrew Sullivan (Chair), Nicholas Crawford (Vice Chair, San Francisco Public Works), Igor Lacan, Jillian Keller, Morgan Vaisset-Fauvel, Ildiko Polony, Pamela Nagle, Edgar Xochitl Flores, Mike Sullivan, Damon Spigelman (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission), Ilaria Salvadori (San Francisco Planning Department), Tai Trang (Port of San Francisco), Spencer Potter (Recreation and Parks Department), and Lew Stringer (Presidio Trust)

Order of Business

Public comment will be taken before the Council takes action on any item.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

The meeting started at 6:03 PM.

Present: Chair Sullivan, Vice Chair Crawford, Member Keller, Member Vaisset-Fauvel, Member Lacan, Member Nagle, Member Xochitl-Flores, Member Sullivan, Member Stringer, Member Spigelman, Member Salvadori, Member Trang
Excused: Member Potter, Member Polony

2. Chair’s Welcome and Land Acknowledgement. (Discussion)

Chair Sullivan read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

New Member Ilaria Salvadori introduced herself. She works for the Citywide Planning group at the Planning Department and is an urban designer.

There was no public comment.

3. Review and vote on whether to approve Resolution File 2022-01-UFC, Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e).

Speaker: Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Council Coordinator (Explanatory Document: Resolution File 2022-01-UFC) (Discussion and Action)

The Council will consider adoption of a resolution making findings that newly enacted Government Code Section 54953(e) requires in order to allow the Council to hold meetings

remotely, as currently required under local law, without complying with certain Brown Act requirements.

Upon a motion by Member Lacan, seconded by Chair Sullivan, the Council approved the resolution unanimously 12-0.

(Ayes: Chair Sullivan, Member Keller, Vice Chair Crawford, Member Vaisset-Fauvel, Member Lacan, Member Nagle, Member Xochitl-Flores, Member Sullivan, Member Stringer, Member Spigelman, Member Trang, Member Salvadori; Excused: Member Potter, Member Polony)

There was no public comment.

4. Adoption of Minutes of the December 10, 2021, Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting.

(Explanatory Document: December 10, 2021, Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Upon a motion by Member Mike Sullivan, seconded by Chair Sullivan, the Council approved the minutes unanimously 12-0.

(Ayes: Chair Sullivan, Member Keller, Vice Chair Crawford, Member Vaisset-Fauvel, Member Lacan, Member Nagle, Member Xochitl-Flores, Member Sullivan, Member Stringer, Member Spigelman, Member Trang, Member Salvadori; Excused: Member Potter, Member Polony)

There was no public comment.

5. General Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

There was no public comment.

6. Review and vote on approving the 2021 Annual Urban Forest Report. Speaker: Peter Brastow, San Francisco Environment Urban Forestry Council Coordinator (Explanatory Document: Draft 2021 Annual Urban Forest Report) (Discussion and Action)

Peter Brastow introduced the item and explained that the Public Works data came in late Friday February 18th. Since it was a three-day weekend, he was only able to update some of the figures in the report and discussed those results.

Upon a motion by Chair Sullivan, seconded by Xochitl, the Council voted 12-0 to continue the agenda item to the March 25th meeting.

(Ayes: Chair Sullivan, Member Keller, Vice Chair Crawford, Member Vaisset-Fauvel, Member Lacan, Member Nagle, Member Xochitl-Flores, Member Sullivan, Member Stringer, Member Spigelman, Member Trang, Member Salvadori; Excused: Member Potter, Member Polony)

Public Comment:

Josh Klipp read from the Environment code the section about the annual report timeline. He discussed the timeline as it relates to the city budget and his frustration with respect to the tardiness of the report.

Lance Carnes also discussed the timeline of the report issuance. He asked for the Council to be passionate about getting trees planted. As it relates to the pace of tree planting, he requested the development of a new urban forest plan.

- 7. Hearing on nomination for Landmark Tree Status of the Coast Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*), located at 313 Scott Street, San Francisco, CA 94117.** The Council will hold a hearing to determine whether the tree nominated at the above location meets the criteria for designation as a landmark tree and to forward findings to the Board of Supervisors. (Explanatory Documents: Resolution File No. 2022-02-UFC, Nomination Form, Sullivan Evaluation, Nagle Evaluation, Keller Evaluation, Spigelman Evaluation, Vaisset-Fauvel Evaluation, Landmark Tree Committee Report, Draft February 3 Landmark Tree Committee Minutes.) (Discussion and Action)

Landmark Tree Ad-Hoc Committee Chair Mike Sullivan summarized the discussion at the February 3rd Committee meeting. He explained that the redwood tree is a backyard tree on a property with a Victorian house. He explained that the vote was 4-1 to recommend the tree for Landmark status to the full Council, with Member Vaisset-Fauvel dissenting.

Chair Sullivan asked about the Panama Pacific International Exposition (PPIE) connection, and Committee Chair Sullivan explained that the property owner was told by a consultant that the tree was likely planted from a sapling from the PPIE.

Member Vaisset-Fauvel asked about the date of the PPIE (1915). He expressed concern about the topping cut of the redwood several decades ago, and that it could be an issue for the redwood in the not too distant future. He discussed that it could be a hazard in the future.

Member Lacan inquired as to opposition to the tree being Landmarked.

Committee Chair Sullivan responded that there was no neighborhood opposition and underscored that Landmark Tree Committee members who voted in favor were comforted by the owner's commitment to stewarding the tree.

Vice Chair Crawford discussed that the tree seemed straight-forward for landmarking. Member Spigelman seconded that sentiment. Committee Chair Sullivan emphasized that this tree had no controversy.

Upon a motion by Chair Sullivan, seconded by Member Spigelman, the Council voted 11-1 in support of the redwood tree on Scott Street meeting the criteria for designation as a Landmark Tree.

(Ayes: Chair Sullivan, Member Keller, Vice Chair Crawford, Member Lacan, Member Nagle, Member Xochitl-Flores, Member Sullivan, Member Stringer, Member Spigelman, Member Trang, Member Salvadori; Noes: Member Vaisset-Fauvel; Excused: Member Potter, Member Polony)

There was no public comment.

Member Salvadori left the meeting at 7:03 pm.

- 8. Hearing on nomination for Landmark Tree Status of the Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*), located at 3344 Folsom Street, San Francisco, CA 94110.** The Council will hold a hearing to determine whether the tree nominated at the above location meets the criteria for designation as a landmark tree and to forward findings to the Board of Supervisors. (Explanatory

Documents: Nomination Form, Sullivan Evaluation, Keller Evaluation, Spigelman Evaluation, Vaisset-Fauvel Evaluation, Landmark Tree Committee Report, Draft February 3 Landmark Tree Committee Minutes.) (Discussion and Action)

Landmark Tree Ad-Hoc Committee Chair Mike Sullivan summarized the discussion at the February 3rd Committee meeting. The tree is on a property with a very old house from the mid-1800s. Sullivan discussed the public comment related to the neighboring property, which is being impacted by the tree. The consensus of the committee was that the tree is not a healthy, vigorous specimen.

Member Vaisset-Fauvel discussed that the health of the tree was the subject of the analysis that led to the lack of recommendation from the committee. He, as well as Member Spigelman, discussed that the litigation did not play a part in the decision of the committee.

Upon a motion by Committee Chair Sullivan, seconded by Member Stringer, the Council voted 11-0 to reject the giant sequoia for meeting the criteria for designation as a landmark tree.

(Ayes: Chair Sullivan, Member Keller, Vice Chair Crawford, Member Lacan, Member Nagle, Member Xochitl-Flores, Member Sullivan, Member Stringer, Member Spigelman, Member Trang, Member Vaisset-Fauvel; Excused: Member Potter, Member Polony, Member Salvadori)

Public Comment:

Mark Garrison, who is a structural foundation expert, and who was speaking on behalf of the adjacent property owner, testified that the tree is having a significant impact on the neighboring house, and that all of the roots should be removed.

Aaron Wang "sat in" for Roy Leggitt and discussed his inspection of the tree and that the tree should be removed, since removing the roots only would cause the tree to be an imminent hazard. He discussed that the tree is not in good health as well.

- 9. Hearing on nomination for Landmark Tree Status of the Deodara pine (*Cedrus deodara*), located at 3340 Folsom Street, San Francisco, CA 94110.** The Council will hold a hearing to determine whether the tree nominated at the above location meets the criteria for designation as a landmark tree and to forward findings to the Board of Supervisors. (Explanatory Documents: Nomination Form, Sullivan Evaluation, Keller Evaluation, Spigelman Evaluation, Vaisset-Fauvel Evaluation, Landmark Tree Committee Report, Draft February 3 Landmark Tree Committee Minutes.) (Discussion and Action)

Landmark Tree Ad-Hoc Committee Chair Mike Sullivan summarized the discussion at the February 3rd Committee meeting. The tree is on the same property as the giant sequoia with a very old house from the mid-1800s. The committee found the tree to be much healthier than the giant sequoia. The committee wanted the tree to be better taken care of.

Member Lacan asked for clarification about which species the tree is.

Committee members noted that they would welcome a revisit of a nomination for Landmark status for the tree in several years after their recommendations for tree care were followed.

Upon a motion by Chair Sullivan, seconded by Member Vaisset-Fauvel, the Council voted 11-0 to reject the deodara cedar for meeting the criteria for designation as a landmark tree.

(Ayes: Chair Sullivan, Member Keller, Vice Chair Crawford, Member Lacan, Member Nagle, Member Xochitl-Flores, Member Sullivan, Member Stringer, Member Spigelman, Member Trang, Member Vaisset-Fauvel; Excused: Member Potter, Member Polony, Member Salvadori)

There was no public comment.

10. Committee Reports: (Discussion)

Planning & Funding Committee. Igor Lacan, Committee Chair.

Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee. Mike Sullivan, Committee Chair.

Planning and Funding Committee Chair Lacan explained that tree mortality was the main item on the agenda of the most recent meeting.

Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee Chair Mike Sullivan discussed the agenda from the previous committee meeting, including the three trees that were the subject of the current meeting as well as an item about improving website language and communication about why (and why not) one would nominate a tree for Landmark status. Committee Chair Sullivan also discussed the committee's discussion about the buckeye on McAllister and North Willard and that it is still not a Landmark Tree, but that it is getting closer with the district supervisor.

There was no public comment.

11. Staff Report. Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Discussion)

Peter Brastow discussed work on the Landmark tree nominations, improving the language on the website and generally performing lots of administrative clean up and stream-lining in preparation for the new Commission Affairs Officer, who starts soon.

There was no public comment.

12. Urban Forestry Council Member Announcements. (Discussion)

Vice Chair Crawford discussed the excitement and energy around the new street tree nursery at 5th and Harrison/Bryant, including Governor Newsom's press conference on the site.

Member Vaisset-Fauvel reported meeting with the California Native Plant Society-Yerba Buena Chapter and providing them with some native trees, e.g., CA buckeye.

There was no public comment.

13. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Chair Sullivan mentioned the street tree nursery as a future item, and asked Peter Brastow to relay which items had been discussed recently. He mentioned the City of Los Angeles urban forester. Member Vaisset-Fauvel asked to focus on funding for planting trees for the next meeting. Chair Sullivan underscored the importance of funding tree planting as a future agenda item. Member Lacan agreed that the Planning and Funding Committee could initiate that conversation. Chair Sullivan discussed the Strategic Plan as a likely item for the next meeting.

Public Comment:

Lance Carnes agreed that Rachel Malarich from LA would be great to host at the UFC. He suggested that SF put some "webinars" about urban forestry on the City's websites, like what LA has. Mr. Carnes thanked the Council for the discussions on this item.

14. Adjournment.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

The next meeting of the Urban Forestry Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Find out about upcoming deadlines, public hearings, and meetings. Search the SFEnvironment.org website archived minutes and agenda.

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Posted: February 18, 2022

Urban Forestry Council

Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

Pursuant to [Public Works Code, Article 16, Section 810](#), the Urban Forestry Council developed these criteria for evaluating potential landmark trees in San Francisco. When evaluating trees, please consider a tree within the context of its site using the criteria below. Use the comment sections, as appropriate, to explain or support your evaluation.

Evaluator's name	Jillian Keller
Date of evaluation	1/26/2022
Start time of evaluation	9:45AM
End time of evaluation	10:15AM
Botanical (Latin) name	Sequoia sempervirens
Common name	Coast redwood
Street address	313 Scott Street
Cross streets	Oak Street and Page Street

Rarity

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

- Rare
 Uncommon
 Common
 Other

Comments	
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Physical Attributes

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

- Large Medium Small

Comments	Large for other trees of the same species in SF, but average for its age/species
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Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

- Yes No

Comments	Mature in development, but not over-mature
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Distinguished form: Tree is an example of good form for its species, has majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Yes No

Comments	Significant feature of the landscape
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Tree condition: Consider overall tree health and structure, including hazard potential.

Good to Excellent
 Fair to Poor
 Potential hazard

Comments	Well maintained, average vigor, typical form for the species, rounded top
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **physical attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

Yes Partially No

Historical Attributes

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

Yes None apparent

Comments	Potenitally an exposition redwood seedling
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Profiled in a publication or other media for its historic value: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, media, etc. Attach documentation or provide links if appropriate.

Yes Unknown

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **historic attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

Yes Partially No

Environmental Attributes

Prominent landscape feature: A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Yes No

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

Low Moderate High

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

Yes No

Comments	
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Visible or accessible from public right-of-way: High visibility and/or accessibility.

Yes No

Comments	
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High traffic area: Tree is in an area that has a large volume of vehicle, bike, or pedestrian traffic and has a potential traffic-calming effect.

Yes No

Comments	
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Important wildlife habitat: Species has a known relationship with wildlife to which it provides food, shelter, nesting potential, etc.

Yes No

Comments	
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Erosion control: Tree prevents soil erosion.

Yes No

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

Yes No

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **environmental attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes Partially No

Cultural Attributes

Neighborhood appreciation: Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition(s), outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to the tree, etc. Attach documentation.

- Yes None apparent

Comments	Neighbors seem to appreciate tree
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Cultural appreciation: Tree has value to a local cultural or ethnic group(s).

- Yes None apparent

Comments	
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Profiled in a publication or other media for its cultural value: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, media, etc. Attach documentation or provide links if appropriate.

- Yes Unknown

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **cultural attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes Partially No

Additional comments:

→ I think the coast redwood should be granted landmark tree status.

Urban Forestry Council

Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

Pursuant to [Ordinance 0017-06](#) and [Public Works Code Article 16, Section 810](#), the Urban Forestry Council 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 the comment sections, as appropriate, to explain or support evaluation.

Evaluator's name	Pam Nagle
Date of evaluation	1/26/2022
Start time of evaluation	9:30 AM
End time of evaluation	10:00 AM
Botanical name	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>
Common name	Coast redwood
Street address	313 Scott Street, San Francisco
Cross streets	Oak/Page

Rarity

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

- Rare
 Uncommon
 Common
 Other

Comments	
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Physical Attributes

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

- Large
 Medium
 Small

Comments	DBH: 39". In rear yard (southwest corner) growing at fence. Enlarged base, slightly sinuous upper trunk, vigorous, dense
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	crown. Possible codominant stems in upper crown, difficult to see.
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Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

- Yes
 No

Comments	Fast-growing, long-lived species. Age is likely not significant.
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Distinguished form: Tree is an example of good form for its species, has majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

- Yes
 No

Comments	Upright form typical of the species; crown rounded at top.
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Tree condition: Consider overall tree health and structure, including hazard potential.

- Good
 Poor
 Potential hazard

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **physical attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status? Yes

- Partially
 No

Historical Attributes

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

- Yes
 None apparent

Comments	
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Profiled in a publication or other media for its historic value: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, media, etc. Attach documentation or provide links if appropriate.

- Yes
- Unknown

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **historic attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes
- Partially
- No

Environmental Attributes

Prominent landscape feature: A striking and outstanding natural feature.

- Yes
- No

Comments	The tree is vigorous, and visible to neighboring properties and surrounding buildings.
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Low tree density: Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

- Low
- Moderate
- High

Comments	The Haight contains a good number of mature street/frontage and back yard trees.
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Interdependent group of trees: This tree is an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on the adjacent trees.

- Yes
- No

Comments	
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Visible or accessible from public right-of-way: High visibility and/or accessibility.

- Yes
- No

Comments	Not tall enough to be visible from surrounding streets.
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High traffic area: Tree is in an area that has a large volume of vehicle, pedestrian, or bike traffic and has a potential traffic-calming effect.

- Yes
 No

Comments	
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Important wildlife habitat: Species has a known relationship with wildlife to which it provides food, shelter, nesting potential, etc.

- Yes
 No

Comments	The redwood adds wildlife habitat value in this urban setting.
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Erosion control: Tree prevents soil erosion.

- Yes
 No

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

- Yes
 No

Comments	Tree possibly reduces noise of area traffic for surrounding buildings.
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **environmental attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes
 Partially
 No

Cultural Attributes

Neighborhood appreciation: Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition(s), outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to the tree, etc. Attach documentation.

- Yes
- None apparent

Comments	Applicants may have submitted testimonials from neighbors.
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Cultural appreciation: Tree is of value to a certain cultural or ethnic group(s) in the City.

- Yes
- None apparent

Comments	
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Profiled in a publication or other media for its *cultural* value: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, media, etc. Attach documentation or provide links if appropriate.

- Yes
- Unknown

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **cultural attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes
- Partially
- No

Additional comments:



I support the nomination of this Coast Redwood for landmark status.

Urban Forestry Council

Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

Pursuant to [Ordinance 0017-06](#) and [Public Works Code Article 16, Section 810](#), the Urban Forestry Council 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 the comment sections, as appropriate, to explain or support evaluation.

Evaluator's name	Damon Spigelman
Date of evaluation	01-02-2020
Start time of evaluation	9:45 am
End time of evaluation	10:15am
Botanical name	Sequoia sempervirens
Common name	Coastal Redwood
Street address	1313 Scott Street
Cross streets	Oak Street

Rarity

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

- Rare
- Uncommon
- Common
- Other

Comments	
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Physical Attributes

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

- Large
- Medium
- Small

Comments	
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Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

Yes

No

Comments	Large Root Flair suggesting significant age
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Distinguished form: Tree is an example of good form for its species, has majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Yes

No

Comments	
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Tree condition: Consider overall tree health and structure, including hazard potential.

Good

Poor

Potential hazard

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **physical attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status? Yes

Partially

No

Historical Attributes

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

Yes

None apparent

Comments	
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Profiled in a publication or other media for its *historic* value: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, media, etc. Attach documentation or provide links if appropriate.

Yes

Unknown

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **historic attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes
- Partially
- No

Environmental Attributes

Prominent landscape feature: A striking and outstanding natural feature.

- Yes
- No

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

- Low
- Moderate
- High

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

- Yes
- No

Comments	
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Visible or accessible from public right-of-way: High visibility and/or accessibility.

- Yes
- No

Comments	
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High traffic area: Tree is in an area that has a large volume of vehicle, pedestrian, or bike traffic and has a potential traffic-calming effect.

- Yes
- No

Comments	
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Important wildlife habitat: Species has a known relationship with wildlife to which it provides food, shelter, nesting potential, etc.

- Yes
 No

Comments	Species could sustain significant habitat
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Erosion control: Tree prevents soil erosion.

- Yes
 No

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

- Yes
 No

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **environmental attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes
 Partially
 No

Cultural Attributes

Neighborhood appreciation: Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition(s), outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to the tree, etc. Attach documentation.

- Yes
 None apparent

Comments	
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Cultural appreciation: Tree is of value to a certain cultural or ethnic group(s) in the City.

- Yes
- None apparent

Comments	
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Profiled in a publication or other media for its *cultural* value: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, media, etc. Attach documentation or provide links if appropriate.

- Yes
- Unknown

Comments	
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **cultural attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes
- Partially
- No

Additional comments:



Urban Forestry Council

Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

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Evaluator's name	Michael Sullivan
Date of evaluation	1/23/22
Start time of evaluation	9AM
End time of evaluation	9:20AM
Botanical (Latin) name	Sequoia sempervirns
Common name	Coast redwood
Street address	313 Scott Street

Cross streets

Rarity

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

- Rare
 Uncommon
 Common
 Other

Comments	Common tree in San Francisco
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Physical Attributes

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

- Large Medium Small

Comments	A bit larger than most

Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

- Yes No

Comments	Not advanced age for the species in habitat, but it's a relatively old specimen for San Francisco
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Distinguished form: Tree is an example of good form for its species, has majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

- Yes No

Comments	Excellent structure
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Tree condition: Consider overall tree health and structure, including hazard potential.

- Good to Excellent
 Fair to Poor
 Potential hazard

Comments	Excellent health and structure; no hazards observed. I believe the physical attributes of this tree support a recommendation.
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **physical attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes Partially No
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Historical Attributes

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

- Yes None apparent

Comments	None apparent.	
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Profiled in a publication or other media for its historic value: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, media, etc. Attach documentation or provide links if appropriate.

- Yes Unknown

Comments	None. I don't believe that the historic attributes support a recommendation for landmark status
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **historic attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes Partially No
-

Environmental Attributes

Prominent landscape feature: A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Yes No

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

Low Moderate High

Comments	No - lots of trees in the neighborhood
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Interdependent group of trees: This tree is an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on the adjacent trees.

Yes No

Comments	no
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Visible or accessible from public right-of-way: High visibility and/or accessibility.

Yes No

Comments	no
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High traffic area: Tree is in an area that has a large volume of vehicle, bike, or pedestrian traffic and has a potential traffic-calming effect.

Yes No

Comments	no
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Important wildlife habitat: Species has a known relationship with wildlife to which it provides food, shelter, nesting potential, etc.

Yes No

Comments	Yes, as a Bay Area native, I suppose so - although I don't know that redwoods existed in SF in pre-European times
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Erosion control: Tree prevents soil erosion.

Yes No

Comments	no
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Wind or sound barrier: Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Yes No

Comments	No.
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **environmental attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes Partially No
-

Cultural Attributes

Neighborhood appreciation: Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition(s), outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to the tree, etc. Attach documentation.

- Yes None apparent

Comments	None that I'm aware of
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Cultural appreciation: Tree has value to a local cultural or ethnic group(s).

- Yes None apparent

Comments	no
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Profiled in a publication or other media for its *cultural* value: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, media, etc. Attach documentation or provide links if appropriate.

- Yes Unknown

Comments	no
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OVERALL CATEGORY RATING

Do the **cultural attributes** of this tree support a recommendation for Landmark status?

- Yes Partially No
-

Additional comments:



SAN FRANCISCO URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

Landmark Tree Nomination Form

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

Who can nominate a landmark tree?

- The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission may nominate a tree through the adoption of a resolution.
- 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 removal of a landmark tree.

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code Article 16, Section 810, the Urban Forestry Council requests the following information.

I am one of the following authorized nominators (please check one):

- Property owner
- Board of Supervisors (through adopted resolution)
- Head of a city department or agency
- Planning Commission (through adopted resolution)
- Historic Preservation Commission (through adopted resolution)

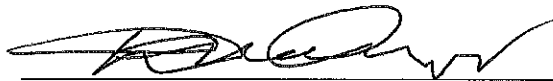
Authorized nominator (Sponsoring Supervisor, Planning Commission designee, Historic Preservation Commission designee, Head of City Department, property owner):

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

Name	DOUGLAS DURKIN
Department	PROPERTY OWNER
Email	douglas@durkindesign.com
Phone	415-412-7520

Name	DOUGLAS DURKIN
Address	313 SCOTT STREET
Email	douglas@durkindesign.com
Phone	415-412-7520

I am an authorized nominator or designee and I support this nomination.



Signature

11/2/2021

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

11/2/2021

Date

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

Botanical name	Sequoia Sempervirens
Common name	Coast Redwood
Number of trees	1
Street address	313 Scott Street, San Francisco CA 94117
Reason for Nomination	I love this tree and it is beautiful. All my neighbors love the tree too. If someone was to move I don't want any issues or be forced to cut it down.

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

If the tree extends into multiple properties:

Which part of the tree does?

Trunk Canopy

Where in the neighboring area?

Front yard Rear yard Side yard Corner-side yard

Latitude and Longitude (OPTIONAL):

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Height (in feet)	
Average canopy width (in feet) <small>Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy</small>	70 to 80 feet
Circumference at chest level (in inches) <small>Distance around trunk at 4.5' from ground http://www.isa-arbor.com/publications/tree-ord/heritage.aspx</small>	20 to 25 feet
Circumference at ground level (in inches) <small>Distance around trunk where the trunk meets the soil.</small>	8 feet

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Rarity

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

- Rare
- Uncommon
- Common
- Other

Comments	I have been told they exist in SF but are not very common.
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Physical Attributes

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

- Large
- Medium
- Small

Comments	
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Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

- Yes
- No

Comments	CIRCA 1915 - PLANTED FROM THE PAN-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION IN SF.
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Distinguished form: Tree is an example of good form for its species, has majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

- Yes
- No

Comments	
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Tree condition: Consider overall tree health and structure, including hazard potential.

- Good
- Poor
- Potential hazard

Comments	
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Historical Attributes

Historical association: Any relation to a historic building, site, street, person, event, etc.

- Yes
- None apparent

Comments	
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Profiled in a publication or other media for its historic value: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, media, etc. Attach documentation or provide links if appropriate.

- Yes
- Unknown

Comments	
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Environmental Attributes

Prominent landscape feature: A striking and outstanding natural feature.

- Yes
- No

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

- Low
- Moderate
- High

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

- Yes
- No

Comments	
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Visible or accessible from public right-of-way: High visibility and/or accessibility.

- Yes
- No

Comments	It can be seen from numerous neighbors gardens and the street
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High traffic area: Tree is in an area that has a large volume of vehicle, pedestrian, or bike traffic and has a potential traffic-calming effect.

- Yes
- No

Comments	
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Important wildlife habitat: Species has a known relationship with wildlife to which it provides food, shelter, nesting potential, etc.

- Yes
- No

Comments	lots of birds, squirrels, etc live there
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Erosion control: Tree prevents soil erosion.

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

Comments	
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Cultural Attributes

Neighborhood appreciation: Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition(s), outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to the tree, etc. Attach documentation.

- Yes
- None apparent

Comments	All of my neighbors love the tree
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Cultural appreciation: Tree is of value to a certain cultural or ethnic group(s) in the City.

- Yes
- None apparent

Comments	Area SAN FRANCISCO piece of history
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Profiled in a publication or other media for its cultural value: Tree has received coverage in print, internet, media, etc. Attach documentation or provide links if appropriate.

- Yes
- Unknown

Comments	
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Additional comments:

→ I understand from various landscapes that this tree has been called an "exposition" redwood. Saplings were given out at the 1915 Pan-Pacific Exposition and planted in Victorian Gardens in SF. This tree is a nice bit of history.

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.

At least one photograph of the tree must be submitted with this form.

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

Send to: Urban Forestry Council, 1155 Market Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103
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(a). 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).

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





