



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. XXX

HEARING DATE AUGUST 1, 2018

*Case No.* N/A  
*Project:* California Buckeye Tree (Aesculus California),  
2694 McAllister  
Recommendation to the Urban Forestry Council  
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### **RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL DESIGNATION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUCKEYE TREE (AESCULUS CALIFORNIA) AT 2694 MCALLISTER STREET, ASSESSOR'S BLOCK NO. 1166, LOT 045, AS A LANDMARK TREE UNDERS SECTION 810, ARTICLE 16 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC WORKS CODE**

WHEREAS, Section 810, Article 16 of the San Francisco Public Works Code establishes criteria for the designation of landmark trees, which includes consideration of the age, size, shape, species, location, historical association, visual quality, and other contributions to the City's character; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Forestry Council is charged with overseeing the nomination process and making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission may nominate a tree for landmark tree designation through the passing of a nominating resolution to the Urban Forestry Council; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the nomination of the California buckeye tree (Aesculus California) at 2694 McAllister Street in Assessor's Block No. 1166, Lot 045, as a landmark tree is in the form prescribed by the Urban Forestry Council and contains supporting location, description, historical, environmental, and/or cultural documentation; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the subject tree is exceptional in its size, form, and beauty while occupying a highly visible intersection; and

WHEREAS, the proposed designation is consistent with the General Plan priority policies pursuant to Planning Code, Section 101.1 and furthers Priority Policy No. 2, which states that existing neighborhood character will be conserved and protected; and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that the proposal is not a project under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and 15060(c)(2) as there will be no physical change to the environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Urban Forestry Council nomination of landmark tree designation of the California buckeye tree (Aesculus California) at 2694 McAllister Street.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on August 1, 2018.

Jonas P. Ionin  
Commission Secretary

AYES: X

NAYS: X

ABSENT: X

ADOPTED: August 1, 2018

## 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

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

(HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
COMMISSION)

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

ANDREW WOLFRAM

Name

TEF DESIGN

Address

1420 SUTTER ST 94109

Address

415-901-4912

Phone (day)

Fax #

andrew@tefarch.com

Email

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

Name

Address

Address

Phone (day)

Fax #

Email

I am an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.



Signature

12/7/16

Date

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

Signature

Date

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): AESCULUS CALIFORNICA  
(CALIFORNIA BUCKEYE)

Number of trees: 1

Street address: 2964 McALLISTER (CORNER OF WILLARD)

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 +/- 30 feet

Average canopy width +/- 40 feet  
Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy

Circumference at chest level UNKNOWN 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 UNKNOWN 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: UNUSUAL FOR ITS SIZE AND  
LOCATION IN SAN FRANCISCO

**Physical**

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

Comment: VERY LARGE AND BEAUTIFUL AND  
STRIKING SHAPE

**Age:** Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: APPEARS OLD.

**Distinguished form:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Describe: EXTRAORDINARY FORM

**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: RELATED TO 2694 MCAULLISTER,  
A 1900 FARMHOUSE

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

LISTED IN "SAN FRANCISCO TREES" WEBSITE, LANDMARK SECTION

**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: BEAUTIFUL CALIFORNIA BAY RIGHT  
BEHIND IT**Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHLY VISIBLE INTERSECTION**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: \_\_\_\_\_

"SAN FRANCISCO TREES" WEBSITE

**Prominent landscape feature:**☒ Yes☐ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments

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**If you have any questions about this form, tree terms or tree concepts, please contact the Urban Forestry Council staff (below). It is acceptable if you cannot provide some of the information requested on this form.**

**A photograph of the tree must be submitted with this form.**

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

**Send to:** Urban Forestry Council, c/o Mei Ling Hui, 1455 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94102  
OR meiling.hui@sfgov.org

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

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

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





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