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Conserve-A-Tree Nominations Open

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego has launched a new program that gives local citizens the opportunity to nominate trees for preservation and historic designation. There may be a tree in your neighborhood that’s been there since your grandmother lived in her house, or one that is an important landmark. Through efforts of the City’s Community Forest Advisory Board (CFAB), citizens can now do something to help keep those trees from being cut.

“It is extremely important for us to promote protection and preservation of our trees,” said Nancy Huges, Chairperson for the CFAB. “We encourage community members to join us in this effort to make a difference in our environment.”

Criteria taken into consideration for tree protection will vary from: aesthetic or historical value, size, shape, health, age, species and form. To nominate a tree to be considered for protection by this designation, citizens must fill out and submit a “Conserve-A-Tree Nomination Form” to the City of San Diego’s Street Division. Once the form is received, the tree will be inspected by the Street Division Urban Forester to ensure all designation criteria are met. An Arborist will then evaluate the nominated tree for confirmation. The nomination must also be approved by the CFAB. Upon approval, the tree will be added to the City of San Diego’s Tree Protection Status, as described in the Tree Protection Policy adopted by City Council in May 2005. The policy states that construction or renovation permits must now recognize the need to keep these trees alive.

To obtain a “Conserve-A-Tree Nomination Form” contact Drew Potocki at (619) 527-3145. Completed forms can be faxed to (619) 527-7534.

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