



## Application for 4864 Elsa Rd

- Chinese Elm
  - Good condition, healthy canopy
  - Limited growing space
  - Unable to verify age
- Adjacent sidewalk lifted
  - Previous sidewalk repair with significant root removal/damages
  - Sidewalk repair in roadways queue
  - Most likely tree would be removed for next sidewalk repair
- Urban Forestry does not recommend protection status – 1/14/2026





# City of San Diego Conserve A Tree



## CONSERVE-A-TREE NOMINATION FORM



### LANDMARK TREE

Striking or unusual trees with high aesthetic value, features may include:

- Large for the species
- Special or unusual form
- Interesting flowers or branching pattern
- Species rare to its location



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Conserve a Tree Nomination  
Urban Forestry  
City of San Diego ROW Mgmt Div  
2781 Caminito Chollas  
San Diego, CA 92105



### HERITAGE TREE

Significant for its age or historical value, including:

- Trees 50 years or older
- Connected to a historical event, building or district or planted by a historically significant individual
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### PARKWAY RESOURCE TREE

Groups of trees in public right-of-way, public parking lots or trails:

- Consistent design theme with similar size, shape, health and form
- Trees creating a canopy over a public way



### PRESERVATION GROVE

Groups of trees in public-right-of-way, open space, designated environmentally sensitive lands, conservation easement or parkland:

- 6 or more trees with trunks within 100 feet of each other
- Same or similar species and form
- Native, naturalized or endemic and surviving without intervention

### TYPE OF NOMINATION:

LANDMARK TREE  
 HERITAGE TREE  
 PARKWAY RESOURCE TREES  
 PRESERVATION GROVE

Species: Chinese Elm

Location & Nearest Cross Street: easement in between 4858 & 4864 Elsa Rd San Diego, CA

Estimated Height: ~35-40 feet tall

Estimated Width: 65" circumference

Condition: healthy

Estimated Planting Date: Late 1950's/ Early 1960's

Specific proof of age may be difficult to determine, but estimates based on the age of surrounding development or the size of tree are adequate.

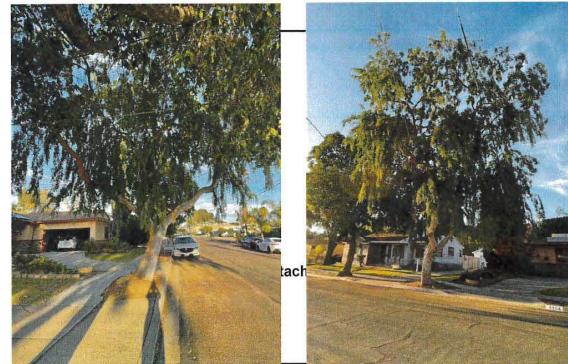
### HISTORY AND NOTES

Include any history or notes you have about this tree or these trees

A large, beautiful, heritage Chinese Elm tree with interesting branching patterns and a wide, weeping, and shade producing canopy. It provides a home to morning cloak butterfly, their eggs, and caterpillars.

Estimated to be an original tree in the 1950's neighborhood of allied gardens. According to neighbor who has lived in the neighborhood for more than 50 years, the tree pre-dates her and she believes it was planted in the late 1950's or early 1960's. Which correlates with a calculation based on its size/ diameter.

20.7" diameter x3 (species specific growth factor) = 62.1yrs old  
 Est planting date 1963



For the above tree(s) to be considered for designation as protected, this request has been forwarded to Right of Way Management Division. The tree(s) will be inspected by the Urban Forestry Program personnel to make sure all designation criteria are met. If they meet all criteria, the request will be forwarded to the Community Forest Advisory Board (CFAB) for evaluation and possibly protected status.

**Requested Action:** Transportation Department Right of Way Management Division requests that a Community Forest Advisory Board Arborist evaluate the nominated tree for confirmation. If the nomination is approved by CFAB, 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.

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