

The Seed of Innovation Project Statement

My vision for San Jose and Silicon Valley's iconic landmark is a landmark that will symbolize and celebrate San Jose's place of innovation, dedication, diversity, and agricultural beginnings. A landmark that will honor the past, present and future. It will be a place of gathering, for nurturing ideas, and for admiring the beauty of the city's skyline. The essence of this man-made landmark will harmonize with the natural confluence surrounding its location.

This iconic landmark will be a majestic structure resembling a seed in germination. Everything begins with a seed. Even innovation, like a seed, germinates, takes root, and is cultivated by those who are dedicated and willing to take risks and make sacrifices. The seed represents The Seed of Innovation, in celebration of the future. Emerging from the seed is a replica of the San Jose Electric Light Tower, in celebration of the past. This innovative tower played an important role in the beginning of San Jose in the 1880's. The same innovative spirit lives on to this day and therefore a replica of the tower holds a position of honor in the center of the germinating seed. The leaves represent The Spirit of Dedication, which nourishes innovation. The roots at the base of the structure represent The Roots of Diversity, celebrating the diversity of those who create, inspire, and innovate.

The landmark will have a skywalk leading to the top of the seed, providing visitors a breathtaking view of San Jose and the Guadalupe River. Plaques strategically placed with inspiring stories of innovators' beginnings, struggles, and successes, will inspire and uplift. There will be a stage and seating incorporated inside the seed, to serve as a community ecosystem for visionaries, speakers, local events, and meetups.

Another main attraction of this unique landmark will be its Artificial Intelligence (AI). Just as a plant utilizes its leaves to survive, so will the landmark utilize its leaves to be net zero. The leaves will contain photovoltaic cells with solar tracking technology, allowing the sun's energy to be captured at capacity throughout the day.

Care will be taken to incorporate lighting methods that will not disrupt nature or project light onto the river. The landmark's lights will be dimmable and will utilize time controls.

This iconic landmark will be a must-see and inspire many generations to come.