Give & You Shall Receive...

Project Statement for THE GIFT at Arena Green

Like all great movements, the city of San José's search for a great icon is more than meets the eye. Beyond a physical monument or the transformation of a city park into a spectacular environment, **THE GIFT at Arena Green** provides an identity and the soul of a community.

But great movements aren't built in a vacuum. It takes a dedicated community to give them life.

So, a call to action was sent from the Valley of the Sun and the idea was planted. **THE GIFT** is a movement that will be shared, built, and given by the city of San José.

But what icon would be worthy enough to express what San José creates for the world?

Our core value is that *nothing is out of reach.* 

Essentially, our hands are our most important tools, connecting us to one another, to our health and safety, to our work, and our craft. San José connects worlds, builds ideas, & shares dreams.

We propose to build a monument to mankind's achievements both great and small - all brought to life by what Aristotle referred to as "The Tool of Tools" - the

human hand. We want to celebrate the powerful image of man's ability to impact our planet, to create all the other monuments that resonate with people all over the globe.

THE GIFT **CONNECT • BUILD • SHARE** 

Our hands rise above, beyond the clouds. Reaching onward & upward - working toward new beginnings.

In this presentation, we wanted to give San José a glimpse into THE GIFT monument and the surrounding Evergreen Woodland envisioned for Arena Green Park.

**THE GIFT** is an icon that's part of us all. An icon to forge our visions, lift aspirations, and give life to our dreams. A place where anyone in the world can come and feel at home.

A place of opportunities, where nothing is out of reach.

A man's grasp should exceed his reach." - Robert Browning

The monument that will endure fueling our imaginations & give life to the ideas of future generations.

"Ideas must work through the brains and the arms of good and brave men, or they are no better than dreams."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson