

Born and raised in San Jose, for the past 21 years, I have seen the rapid growth and change here in the Silicon Valley. I have seen the beauty that has developed to make this place, one of the most beautiful places in the world. The ideas and opportunities here are unlike any other and it is a place for everyone. This monument needs to reflect the innovation and ambition that I admire so greatly of this place I call home.

Points of symbolization: INFLECTION, PERSPECTIVE, CONTRAST

INFLECTION

The Silicon Valley is a place driven by change. To create a monument to the Silicon Valley means to embody the idea of change and put it into a physical building. The building takes many turns as it takes visitors to the top of the monument to overlook the Bay Area. An inflection point, specifically in calculus, is a turning point on a curving graph. Incorporating the idea of inflection points intertwines with the curving shapes of the monument and ties to the constantly changing culture and innovation of The Silicon Valley.

PERSPECTIVE

The Silicon Valley plays many different roles for the people who live, visit, and admire it. Looking from an outside perspective, it can appear to be a place of products and results. Being inside, it can feel like a place of hard work and obstacles. To everyone, it is what you want and make it to be. In a place like this, perspective is everything. To attribute the idea of perspective, the monument physically changes with different viewpoints and perspectives. To give visitors the feeling and experience of perspective will serve the purpose to celebrate the mindset of the Silicon Valley.

CONTRAST

The Silicon Valley is a place that celebrates ideas that contrast one another; technicality and creativity. The curved shapes represent the creativity and innovation that has allowed the Silicon Valley to change the world. The linear shapes represent the technical reformation produced from this place that has enhanced the lives of individuals worldwide. When both skills come together, the result is revolutionary. To bring these ideas to the monument will allow visitors to see the physical components that translate symbolically to the heart and ethics of the Silicon Valley community.