

San Jose Global Iconic Landmark

- A Blended Approach –

With this proposal we hope to visualize extraordinary illumination, and the confluence of our deep agricultural and high technology roots. What could say this better than trees? Not just the type that grow from our lush soil but also those that demonstrate local electronic innovation as an LED illuminated Community Tree with which the public can interact via smart phones or mobile devices.

This community tree is envisioned as a metal sculpture created by local artists with many individual plates similar to the Statue of Liberty. This tree will be a destination for entertainment, public gatherings, tours and tourists from around the world. Power efficiency will be ground-breaking with nearly 100,000 solar leaves creating a net positive energy capture stored in interior power modules.

Reclaiming part of Arena Green, we will once again produce fruit to supply the proposed farmers market and donate excess crops to food banks and other non-profits. Processing the fruit on-site will ensure freshness and make it attractive for tours and allow for historical displays to recount our rich agricultural history. Refurbishing the sports areas offers the opportunity to encourage more sporting activities downtown and it will draw the public from many nearby communities.

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