

PROJECT STATEMENT - THE CONVERGENCE

The CONVERGENCE celebrates the intersection of the five 'Rivers of Life' - Nature, Art, Technology, Culture, and Commerce. The site will attract visitors from around to globe to explore 'innovations' in all aspects of life.

NATURE: San Jose's spectacular natural setting provides insights into the local cycles of nature. The open-air Migration Pavilion will provide a sanctuary for migratory birds and will immerse visitors in the sights, sounds, and experience of nature. This is a refuge for people of San Jose as they escape bustling city life.

ART: Celebrating art is an important facet of San Jose's creative culture. The gardens and the pond will form the vibrant environments for sculpture, light, sound, and interactive playscapes. These amenities will provide creative experiences for adults and children throughout the seasons.

TECHNOLOGY: San Jose is internationally known for its technological innovations. The Innovation Pavilion will feature changing immersive exhibits. The flexible space can be converted to a 300-seat theater for technology-related keynotes and TED Talks.

CULTURE: At the core of San Jose's character is an extremely diverse culture. The Lantern Plaza references Native American cultures and provides a relaxing environment for visitors, day and night. Cultural events and live music will provide a backdrop for a wide range of local and international cuisines. The food trucks representing various cultural foods will further enhance the visitor experience.

COMMERCE: San Jose is a thriving economic environment built on innovation. Lively open-air markets will activate the east side and feature weekly farmers' markets and local crafts. The large expanse of the roof will house solar panels, resulting in ample energy to power the entire site (net-zero). A terraced seating area faces an outdoor performance area for musical performances, movies, and other special events.

THE CONVERGENCE TOWER: All rivers lead to the iconic Convergence Tower, symbolizing the confluence of NATURE, ART, TECHNOLOGY, CULTURE, COMMERCE. The iconic landmark also represents the aspirations of San Jose. Embedded technologies in the skin of the tower will provide additional energy to power the building and be programmed to provide spectacular light shows. Viewing platforms will provide breathtaking views of the city. The space at the base of the tower will feature the dynamic story of San Jose in contemporary ways.

The Convergence will inspire every visitor and engage them in the experience of a lifetime.