

## **Project Statement**

Etching both past, present and future into the sands of Guadalupe River, this proposal focuses on the rich history of the region and serves as a beacon for what a future city can provide to its inhabitants and the surrounding environment.

Silicon Valley, and the Bay Area in broad terms, has a rich history of utilizing the naturally abundant silica resources to both etch legends of the past, while also using it to create the future of technology and innovation. In homage to the Native Ohlone Mythology of the region where the Coyote, Eagle and Hummingbird symbolize story-telling, exploration and collaboration, the site is divided into three integral paths which focus on the formative principles of the mythology. This historic identity is also transfused with the infinity symbol, evoking a sense of continuous or everlasting pursuance of the advancement of the region, and civilization at large. The site thus serves as an icon for the future as we highlight how modern innovation has largely stood on the shoulders of past giants.

At the convergence of the three paths, a tower of opportunity propagates the infinity symbol at ground level into the sky, twisting as it ascends. Within, a playground of human innovation is on display, with museums sharing the humble beginnings of some of the most transformative technology companies and civilizations. The tower will also serve as an arena to showcase urban technologies such as vertical farming, autonomous drones, renewable energy alternatives and more.

Once on site, the proposal will bring a palpable sense of possibility during both day and night. The architectural spectacles and separate paths will be distinguished by illuminating LED lights creating an interactive experience where the surroundings blend together with the inhabitant, each stimulating each other and interacting in a way that makes each experience and interaction unique.

Most importantly, the proposal focuses on the current climate crisis, and aims to catalyze a larger world view centered on both the immediate and global environment. The site will be fully net-zero, and will be achieved by utilizing the latest renewable energy technology to tap into the natural resources of the Guadalupe River as well as a thorough investigation of the full design and material life cycle to use the most efficient and environment friendly materials possible.

A true icon awaits, indeed.