

Dear Design Panel members,

I'm very excited by this opportunity to re-envision the San Jose Urban Confluence area, and the San Jose experience, with an artistic transformation that elevates both the eye and mind with awe.

"Drishti" proposes a elegant tetrahedral sculpture of mirror-polished stainless steel, between 60 to 75 feet in height/base, placed along curving, intertwining pathways with 'islands' of native plants and flowers, fountains of recycled transparent glass that echo the curved mirror forms, and terraced bench seating. Flowing water and relocation of taller trees will create a refreshing balance of organic sound and movement to the bustle of traffic on the grid and in the air. I also envision gently elevating the landscape with numerous small hillocks that offer seating and also draw our attention upward to the focal sculpture: "Drishti", a luminous, shimmering sculptural symbol of personal and collective vision. Inspired by a Sanskrit philosophical phrase, "Drishti, Srishti", meaning: "As is your vision, so is your universe" or, "How you behold, is thus what you unfold". as a sculptural expression, it presents a locus, and reflective symbol, of the imperative to focus and elevate our energies into positive directions, as creators and collaborators of our individual and collective reality and future. Drishti brings this timeless message into a visual symbol, created of futuristic materials and an elevated aspect that points us all toward the cosmos and infinite possibility.

I'm very interested in creating inviting gathering spaces with native flora, seating and niches that also integrate terraced landscaping and seating to help create a warmer pedestrian experience. I would like to integrate curving walkways and a pergola path with sculptural solar panels, to harness the bright skies that San Jose enjoys and to meet the Urban Confluence's net-zero goals for Drishti's all-LED lighting as well as water fountains.

Prior experience with sculptural mirror-work has indicates little or no impact on avian habitats or patterns, as convex light reflections are reduced down into small pinpoints, creating a luminous, diffused reflective quality, similar to light shimmering on water.

As a regular visitor and guest in Silicon Valley, I'm deeply excited by the invitation for artistic transformation that the San Jose Urban Confluence is catalyzing for the city of San Jose and the region and deeply appreciate this opportunity to participate in that process.

Best Regards