

## **Confluence Valley - Tower of Light**

### **An Icon with Life**

Celebrating Imagination and Creativity,

Communication and Collaboration around the World

- The Tower develops a simple structure - like Wings lifting to the Sky - launching three circular floors, transparent with the close and distant Landscape :
- The City, the Valley and the Mountains, the Ocean and the Sky.
- In a reference to the “ Light Tower “, an earlier symbol of San Jose – to the genius of Innovation and Team work in Silicon Valley - and to several existing Icons around the World.

The Tower and a complementar Structure on the West side, develop spaces on floors and atriums, to support cultural and recreational inside activities, in connection with the exterior Park.

- Art, Science, History, Humanities, Technology, Recreation.
- The Tower rises on “ Design Competition East Area ” ( although it might also be located on the West Area ).
- In this way it may develop a connection with a complementar West Structure, bringing more activity and dynamics to the whole Park.

- On the Ground-floor the Tower has a Stage, facing the wide green area, with space for a large audience – facing the River Confluence and facing Sunset.

- A Stage for Concerts ( Jazz, Classical, etc ), Performances, Events, Dancing, Skating. – A Stage with an acoustic shell.

- On the ground-floor of both buildings, an esplanade and arcade with coffee-shops, little bars or restaurants, a tea-house, thematic shops – bringing more life and activity to the whole área.

- In the West Structure, some spaces could be more specially addressed to Children and Older Persons ( for Grand-Children and Grand-Parents ).

The existing Children´s Playground and Carroussel could remain close-by and a rose-garden, with fountains and a resting space, could be articulated with the Playground.

The vertical connection of all the circular floors is achieved by transparent elevators / lifts and sets of wide stairs, looking over the Landsdcape.

The Tower offers beautiful views to visitors and is visible from the distance, from approaching roads and approaching flights.

In reference to a “ Magical Region “ and a “ Magical Mistery Tour “ - Virtual Tours may happen inside and along a Pedestrian way across the Confluent Rivers or an Aerial connection.

- Enlightened by the Sun or by the Stars – “ a Confluence Tower “ is a “ Tower of Light “.