

## **PROJECT STATEMENT for “ANGEL OF HOPE”**

The human instinct of hope, compassion, tolerance, love, affection has always triumphed over animal instinct of anger, greed and discrimination. The importance of science and spirituality cannot be ignored for our future. We base our design for the monument on these premises.

### **ANGEL**

“Angel of Hope” represents human emotions which have created growth and development on the Planet. The main structure of the monument represents life in the form of cosmic energy representing confluence of spirituality.

One can see the abstraction of an Angel in the proposed design, a non-denominational representation of spiritual values of the Native American Totem Poles, African burial mounds (Adinkra’s), the Redeemer from Rio, a Buddhist stupa, or a Hindu Shivalinga depending upon an individual perspective.

One thing they all do is that they point towards the vertical axis- therefore we chose to make a vertical monument- in this case a standing abstract Angel with outstretched wings to embrace us and offer comfort.

### **HOPE**

This design reflects the essence of human life. It is about the capacity to be resilient against all manner of challenges- natural or manmade. It is about having hope, spreading love, compassion, tolerance and peace amongst other fellow living beings. Above all it is about building harmony and solidarity among cultures, work ethics, people and the nature. In many ways San Jose is a symbol of all that and, perhaps, much more. The proposed design seeks to capture this confluence of ideas.

### **PERCEPTION**

The monument will rise amidst greenery, rivers and life in the hustle –bustle of a modern city to reflect the resilience of human endeavour.

The monument is perceived as a tree (200’ tall) with arms spread (400’) out to symbolise inclusion. The wings on the main body of the structure include the spirit of love, compassion and comfort. It is an Angel spreading its wings to comfort and protect and to teach tolerance, peace, inclusion and harmony of beliefs.

### **CONTEXT**

Silicon Valley has been associated with the freedom of human spirit, which transformed civilizations into technologically assisted societies. The monument in the valley recognizes the achievement of Silicon Valley, and also inspire the future generations to explore and discover our universe through technology for the benefit of life here and far away in the space with the blessings of our Abstraction of an Angel.

