

We are thrilled to propose an inspiring landmark that honors San José's deep roots in community, farming, and land cultivation. As San José locals ourselves, we recognize the need to preserve our history while simultaneously planting seeds for future generations to come. We acknowledge San José was built on Ohlone land and historically known for its fruitful soil and farmland.

On the West End of Arena Green, sculpted metal hands and arms intricately interlock to form the trunk of a tree-like monument that towers over the SAP Center. These hands represent the innovative Ohlone people who founded this land, the farm workers who cultivated "The Valley of Heart's Delight", and the engineers, pioneers, and visionaries who continue to define what we know as Silicon Valley today. It was from hands that San José was created, and it is with human touch and human-driven innovation that we will continue to thrive.

This landmark will be captivating from afar, and even more immersive up close. The interlocking hands and the sculpture's beauty will become clearer as viewers touch, interact, and photograph it. The base of the landmark is a smooth glass surface that exposes the intricate entangled metal roots beneath it. When atop the base, viewers become part of the sculpture and the story it tells. At night, the details of the trunk illuminate (in an environmentally-sensitive way) and, on special occasions, can be a surface for projection mapping. There is also potential for this landmark to have an observation deck that viewers can engage with.

In addition to the landmark, we are proposing an outdoor amphitheater. This public gathering space will allow communities to tell stories, perform, and build a sense of connection--all of which San José was founded on.

On the East End, we are proposing a solar-powered building that will serve multiple purposes: a café and educational space for public visitors, and affordable housing (with support services) for San José's most vulnerable community members. The intent for this building is to create economic opportunities and sustenance for its residents, and educate the public on San José's history.

By reflecting on San José's past, helping San José's present, and empowering San José's future, this space will impact residents and visitors alike at a core level. We are honored to propose not only a landmark, but a *destination* centered around the intersections of San José's vibrant cultures.