

San Jose Inclusión Tower **INCLUSION TOWER**

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In a word the term “inclusion” captures an all-embracing societal ideology.

The goal of the Inclusión Tower is to think big but stay humble. San Jose is a quiet city compared to its contemporaries. But it doesn't have to shout because its greatness lay in the accomplishments of its people. San Jose deserves a monument that is indelible, inviting, and speaks to the future.

In the heart of Santa Clara County, the San Jose Inclusión Tower will be a renowned icon and navigation point that will lead to the center of the tech capital of the world.

The tower mixes a futuristic feel with a sense of organic growth as its base climbs through the sky to reach the saucer dome. Topped with a 110' diameter observation deck 200' feet above the Arena Green, elevators and moving stairways will access vista points along the journey providing breathtaking views of the surrounding valley.

The undulating sweep of the base and top of its dome will cut through the lineal design of surrounding buildings and provide a different view of the tower depending on one's orientation throughout the city. As its base twists and swoons skyward, the tower alludes to the notion that all roads lead up.

With refreshments along the climb in addition to the restaurant at the top, the tower will be used for special events including commemorations, performances, art and science exhibits, weddings, and other gatherings that encourage engagement from the community.

The surrounding plaza will include a performance stage and pavilions that exhibit revolving programs that tell the story of San Jose, its people, its origins, and accomplishments. Connecting walkways will lead to other parts of the Arena, SAP Center, and the new Google Mixed Use Complex.

Standing tall in harmony with the natural surroundings of the rivers and shared open space the tower will employ custom designed solar tiles generating enough power for its own operations as well as giving back to the grid.

At night the tower will be outlined with light “beads” that evoke its shape highlighted as additional stars against the night sky. While not disturbing the riparian habitat or distracting aircraft, uplighting will illuminate contoured features and interior cutaways as well as light the underside of the dome.

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