

Silicon Valley has been the haven of great visionaries, who have shaped the destiny of the mankind in many different ways. The Sky Tower honors their brilliance and courage, and is designed to inspire future generations to also dream big and strive upward.

The Sky Tower is a 200-foot white tower, projecting at an angle to the sky. The design features:

- **Dramatic Night Lighting.** Much like the Saturn V rockets that carried Apollo astronauts to the moon, the Sky Tower will be lit by spotlights at night and be visible for miles at night.
- **Honor Pivotal Visionaries.** The white cladding of the Sky Tower will be inscribed with the names of men and women who defined the character and history of Silicon Valley. Possible honorees are: the First Ohlone People, Leland and Jane Stanford, Joseph Eichler, Cesar Chavez, Delores Huerta, Tommie Smith, John Carlos, Fred Terman, and Steve Jobs. A civic body – such as the San Jose City Council – will identify the persons to be honored on the Sky Tower.
- **Connections to the World.** At the base of the Sky Tower will be a circle of canopies over video monitors. These monitors will provide live streaming images of major plazas in San Jose’s eight sister cities, and will allow Sky Tower visitors to interact visually with residents of those cities throughout the 24 hours of each day. Just like the technology spawned in Silicon Valley, these monitors will enhance links between common people around the world.
- **Vital Safety Design Elements.** The Sky Tower skeleton will consist of a welded frame of structural steel tubes, clad with white aluminum panels. The steel frame will be designed to resist regional earthquake and wind loads. In addition, the tower will be capped by red lights to promote overhead aircraft safety at night.
- **Environmental Respect.** Solar panels on the monitor canopies and nearby electric batteries will provide power for the night spotlights and the sister city monitors. The night spotlights will be located on the canopies protecting the sister city monitors; these spotlights will be directed solely at the tower. Neither the tower nor the circle of sister city monitors at the tower base will intrude into Los Gatos Creek/Guadalupe River area.