

The theme of this project is “Architecture of Connectedness”.

If the landmark is to inherit and promote the very spirit of Silicon Valley, it needs to encourage connectedness, because Silicon Valley is where people and ideas have gathered in great diversity.

It is not about the shape, nor anything.

But the idea of a place to gather and interact, to explore and be jointly excited about.

You can see, that’s why there are bridges connecting the site from East to West, North to South, and mother earth to the sky. They are with open exciting views of the whole Arena Green and even toward as far as the horizon.

The generous playgrounds are to make San Jose a stronger community, there is a place for everyone, whether they are looking for tranquility, excitement, or adventurous explorations...

Columns come from all directions, they represent diversity in a joyful manner. They show the play of light and shade and they will frame the everyday downtown of San Jose in surprising ways.

Together everything gathers and shares under the same light, the “castle in the air”.

Circularity is unity. It is the shape of inclusiveness and expansiveness. It is to embrace all within and reach for all without.

The floating structure has the center exactly at the meeting point of two rivers.

At the confluence point, the landmark will appear to be a perfect circle, it can be as symbolic as the oculus of Rome in its relationship with the sky.

In a way, with the representation of the centralized landmark, Arena Green is now truly the center of Silicon Valley and everything.

The confluence is where forces of nature have come together. In great respect to the landscape, the landmark will now bring the force of the community along and it promises to bring the whole world too.

Arena Green will be the welcoming accommodation for all the significant forces.

The structure is also designed to have the least footprint, the least environmental impact on the existing nature because the landmark of this era needs to deliver the message of the sustainable future, where everything harmoniously coexists.

For everyone, the landmark is the destination to meet, communicate, and interact. For creative minds, it is the open platform to dream and imagine. For children and future generations, it is the spirited destination that is worthy of exploring, discovering, studying, and being excited about.