

Project Statement.

The city of San Jose is a global epicenter of innovation from where ideas that had transformed the world were born. This is partly explained by a long and rich tradition of sharing knowledge and collective work, sustained by the opening of the city to people of all origins.

We propose an installation to celebrate the confluence of nature, social diversity and city's endless innovation, by bringing back a piece of its collective memory.

Afterlight is an observation deck at 200ft, an open-air stage and light installation that will activate the area with day and night activities. At night a diffuse glare of light will bring back to life the shape of the old Electric Light Tower by lighting up the interior void. At the rooftop a glass flooring observation deck will be a must-visit attraction for tourists and residents, a place to contemplate the city from above while climbing the spiral stairs, the panoramic floor will add a new perspective to the light installation plus a breathless and exciting experience. At the ground floor an exhibition stage opened to the park will bring a new infrastructure to all kinds of performances, pocket shows and artistic expressions.

It is meant to be a new urban landmark, thanks to a LED light installation, that not only will evoke the image of the former Tower but also will symbolize the wisdom, knowledge and the role of science and innovation in the construction of a possible future for all the people.

Strategies:

- 1- Preserve green areas and the existing ecosystem in the western zone.
- 2- Punctual intervention with low environmental impact but high visual and social impact.
- 3- Activate and re-functionalize the eastern area, currently a space without a clear vocation.
- 4- Create a landmark for the city by recovering an important piece of its heritage and collective memory.

Arena green is an urban public space crossed by a natural preservation area: the confluence of two rivers that cross the city, and as a result two well differentiated areas on both sides of the river. These areas, although contiguous, have very different characteristics and uses. The strategies to follow consist of occupying and re-signifying the east side, currently an area without a clear character and with little presence of green, and keeping the west area unchanged, given the significant number of plant species and the presence of urban facilities.