

San Jose Redevelopment Agency downtown project **fact sheet**



Groundbreaking:
October 2000

Completion:
August 2003

Project: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Description: The City of San Jose and San Jose State University partnered to create the new Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, the nation's first joint city-university library. It serves as the main City and University library.

Set on a 60,000 square-foot site, the 500,000 square foot building is precast in concrete panels and utilizes extensive areas of glass, exemplifying modern architecture.

Location: 150 E. San Fernando Street (Intersection of Fourth Street and San Fernando Street)

Benefit: The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library provides services to both the university and other San Jose residents and is conveniently located near many downtown housing complexes. The library's design is conducive to individual activity, group study sessions, and larger meetings. The ground floor also house an active café.

Features:

- 8 stories encompassing approximately 479,109 square feet
- 7 story atrium with skylight
- 5 public elevators, 8 escalators
- Café and bookstore
- Lobby/meeting space

Total Costs: \$174.4 million
\$73.8 million from the San Jose Redevelopment Agency
\$100.6 million from San Jose State University

Project Team: Council District: 3
Developer: San Jose Redevelopment Agency/San Jose State University
Architect: Carrier Johnson, Executive Architect
Gunnar Birkerts, Design Associate Architect
Anderson Brule, Local Associate Architect
Contractor: Hensel Phelps
Owner: City of San Jose and San Jose State University