

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

Construction:
December 1996

Completion:
October 1997



Project: San Jose Museum of Art – Historic Wing

Description: Originally a United States Post Office completed in 1895, the historic portion of the San Jose Museum of Art was designed in the Romanesque style by architect Willoughby J. Ebrooke. In 1935, the building was remodeled to serve as the City Library, and in 1971, it began its current service as the San Jose Museum of Art.

In 1972, the building received State Historical Landmark status, and it is regarded as one of the most historically significant buildings in the San Jose area. In 1997, the San Jose Redevelopment Agency and the San Jose Museum of Art Association completed a seismic retrofit and renovation to the historic wing, safeguarding its continued use as a public cultural facility.

Location: 110 South Market Street at San Fernando Street

Benefit: The San Jose Museum of Art exemplifies the Redevelopment Agency's commitment to preserving and rehabilitating the City's historic buildings. Serving as one of the region's primary arts facilities, the Museum furthers the Redevelopment Agency's program of cultural and educational investment, while continuing the Agency's revitalization and diversification of the Downtown.

Features: The 33,000 square foot historic wing includes:

- 2,000 square foot exhibition space
- 2,100 square foot Charlotte Wendel Education Center, complete with roll-down projection screens, sound system, and audiovisual equipment
- 1,300 square-foot museum area and 1,400 square-foot café
- Interior improvements such as new HVAC, fire protection, upgraded finishes, lighting, and security; new connecting door between the second floor of the new wing and the second floor of the historic wing

Total Costs: \$6 million
\$5.3 million San Jose Redevelopment Agency (\$1 million granted from the Federal Emergency Management Agency)
\$700,000 raised by the San Jose Museum of Art

Project Team: Council: 3
District:
Developer: San Jose Redevelopment Agency
Architect: Robinson, Mill + Williams Architecture (San Francisco) and Garcia Wagner (San Francisco)
Contractor: Garden City Construction and Vahdani Construction
Owner: City of San Jose