

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



Groundbreaking:
June 1996

Completion:
October 1998

Project: The Tech Museum of Innovation

Description: Over 20 years in the making, The Tech Museum of Innovation was initially conceived in 1977 by the Palo Alto Junior League. As the Capital of Silicon Valley, Downtown San Jose was selected as the ideal location for a museum of technology and innovation. The Garage, a 20,000 square-foot prototype, opened in 1990 in the McCabe Hall. The San Jose Redevelopment Agency broke ground for the permanent facility in 1996.

The Tech serves as an educational resource that engages people of all ages and backgrounds in exploring and experiencing the technologies that affect their lives. In addition, its interactive exhibits and programs inspire young people to become innovators of the future.

Location: 201 Market Street at Park Avenue
Park Center Plaza Redevelopment Area

Benefit: The Tech Museum of Innovation stemmed from the San Jose Redevelopment Agency's program of cultural and educational investment that continues to revitalize Downtown. Located across from Plaza de Cesar Chavez, The Tech is central to the district that includes the San Jose Repertory Theatre, Children's Discovery Museum, San Jose Museum of Art and the San Jose McEnery Convention Center.

Features:

- 132,000 square-foot of educational resources
- More than 250 interactive exhibits, 97% of which are original or custom-made
- 299-seat Hackworth IMAX Dome Theater
- Robert N. Noyce Center for Learning – a science, math, and technology teacher's resource
- 3,500 square-foot gallery for temporary special exhibits and programs
- permanent home to The National Medal of Technology exhibit
- 45-foot public art piece Origin by three contemporary American artists
- 2,000 square-foot TechStore
- 80-seat upscale café

Total Costs: \$ 114 million: (\$50 million building, \$64 million exhibits)
\$ 50 million from San Jose Redevelopment Agency
\$ 32 million from individuals, foundations and corporations
\$ 32 million from The Tech Museum of Innovation

Project Team:

Council District:	3
Developer:	San Jose Redevelopment Agency
Architect:	Ricardo Legorreta (Mexican City)
Contractor:	SJ Amoroso
Owner:	City of San Jose Redevelopment Agency
Operator:	The Tech Museum of Innovation