

# Commemoration of the Founding of the Pueblo de Guadalupe San Jose

Artist: East Los Streetscapers

1997

Gore Park / 560 S. Market St. median, San Jose, CA 95110 / Council District 3

## ABOUT THE PROJECT



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granite slabs top each of the columns with a descriptive title for the art on the face of the column. A tile floor map depicts the trek of the original settlers from the Sonora desert to what is today the city of San José. A granite wall adjacent to the art work contains a dedication statement that reads: Homenaje a los primeros pobladores de El Pueblo de San José de Guadalupe (In recognition of the original settlers of El Pueblo de San José de Guadalupe).

This piece commemorates the founding of the Pueblo San José de Guadalupe on November 29, 1777. The art work elements include four columns with granite caps, a tile floor map, and a dedication statement.

The founding of the Pueblo San José de Guadalupe established San José as California's first civil community, supplying necessary agricultural products for the presidios and missions of San Francisco and Monterey. This project honors a pioneer settlement and its founders and the beginnings of a continuous migration of people who have come to this region from north, south, east, and west.

East Los Streetscapers represent this migration through four columns placed at each point of the compass. Each triangle shaped column has cast relief images on the outside walls and a tile mural on the inner face. Polished



Right: Detail of tile mural on column

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

East Los Streetscapers is a public art studio that designs, fabricates and installs art works in a wide variety of mediums. Established in 1975, East Los Streetscapers has created 2D and 3D work that incorporates: glazed ceramic tile; formed and welded steel; polished granite and raw boulders; bronze sculptures; and

painted murals. The scope of their projects changes as more artists join their team, but their goal is always to design site specific works. More of their work may be seen at [www.eastlosstreetscapers.com](http://www.eastlosstreetscapers.com).

#### **ABOUT THE PUBLIC ART PROGRAM**

The City of San José Public Art Program seeks to build community identity by initiating artworks and exhibitions that enhance the civic landscape. Through active community engagement, public art strives to reflect the City's diversity, historic richness, and envision its present and future.

The Public Art Program is part of the City's Office of Cultural Affairs, a division of the Office of Economic Development. The Public Art Program was established by a 1984 municipal ordinance that provides public art through funding from City capital improvement projects and eligible private development.

For further information and photos, please contact the San José Public Art Program.

