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# *El Sueño de la Mariposa (The Dream of the Butterfly)*

Artist: Morgan Bricca

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Mariposa Park / 1633 Havana Drive at Midfield Avenue, San Jose, CA 95122 / Council District 7

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## ABOUT THE PROJECT



Artist Morgan Bricca's mural *El Sueño de la Mariposa (The Dream of the Butterfly)* is a direct reflection of the community in the area around its location at the junction of Havana Drive and Midfield Avenue. The community had advocated for an artwork at this location in order to reduce blight and uplift spirits. Morgan Bricca worked closely with the neighborhood residents and associations to shape a vision for the artwork, gaining an understanding of how they wanted the artwork to impact the shared neighborhood experience and of imagery and visual ideas that they would find meaningful.



The result is a stunning 140' artwork that offers a range of experiences. The mural's focal image is that of a girl with an almost mythic background, surrounded by Monarch butterflies and balancing one on her fingertips. Monarch butterflies are thematic across the mural because they are significant as a cultural symbol due to their patterns of long migrations to between Mexico and other points in North America as well as the way in which they congregate in communities. Another key focal point in the artwork is a large Monarch butterfly, positioned in such a way that it is a popular backdrop for selfie photos. Across the mural are also an abundance of flowering plants and foliage common to the area.

The mural's placement is on a curved wall at the junction of Havana Drive and Midfield Avenue which makes for a great viewing experience when coming upon it at the end of Havana Drive. This site, the community side of a Highway 101 sound wall, is fronted by Mariposa Park. Together the mural and park create a truly wonderful neighborhood experience.

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Artist Morgan Bricca is an extremely prolific muralist working in a colorful, wide range of styles and with a wide range of content. Her work speaks to many different aspects of human and community experience, often with rich depictions of nature. She has a major body of works to her credit across the Bay Area and beyond, in both public settings along with many private commissions.

Learn more about Morgan Bricca and her work at <https://www.morganmurals.com>

## ABOUT THE PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

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