

GREEN BUILDING FACT SHEET

WHAT MAKES SAN JOSE CITY HALL GREEN?



BUILDING LOCATION & COMMUNITY IMPACT—

Located downtown, San José City Hall consolidates a wide range of public services in one facility. Its close proximity to light rail and bus stops, bus rapid transit routes, and the availability of parking for bikes and automobiles on site maximize public access to the services, meetings, events and celebrations at City Hall. A bike fleet is available for use by City staff.



WATER EFFICIENCY—Ultra low-flow fixtures and landscape irrigation systems use recycled water to reduce water use at City Hall 82 percent less than a conventional building.



ENERGY & EMISSIONS—City Hall is more energy-efficient than 93% of comparable facilities because large windows and skylights help maximize the use of natural instead of electric light. High-efficiency light fixtures and energy-conserving windows also contribute significantly to the building's energy saving performance.



MATERIALS & WASTE—Over 90 percent of waste generated at City Hall is diverted from the landfill, including surplus furniture, electronics, paper, and other recyclable and compostable waste.



HEALTH & SAFETY—Increased intake of fresh air and high quality filters in the heating and cooling systems contribute to ensuring the best possible indoor air quality at City Hall. The facility's custodians use Green Seal® cleaning products and green cleaning best practices to help limit employee and visitor exposure to potentially harmful chemicals.

SAN JOSE'S GREEN VISION IN ACTION

LEED certification of San José City Hall contributes to achieving the San José Green Vision goal to build or retrofit 50 million square feet of green buildings by 2022. It supports additional Green Vision goals related to energy and water efficiency, recycled water use and waste reduction. San José policies promote green building practices to reduce the impact of the built environment on global climate change. www.sanjoseca.gov/greenvision

BUILDING PROFILE

San José City Hall was the first city hall in the nation to achieve LEED Platinum Certification for Existing Buildings. The 18-story structure is also the largest LEED-certified municipal building in San José.

FUNCTION: Administrative and departmental headquarters, housing the City Council Chambers and offices, as well as rooms for community meetings and special events.

BUILDING SIZE: 530,000 square feet, 18-story, 285 feet tall at highest point

OPENING DATE: October 15, 2005

CERTIFICATION: LEED® EB Platinum, March 2009

ARCHITECTS: Richard Meier & Partners (Los Angeles Office) and Steinberg Architects

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT: Turner/Devcon Joint Venture

PROJECT MANAGEMENT: San José Department of Public Works (CFAS)

FUNDING SOURCES: Measure "I" passed by San José voters on Nov. 5, 1996

LEED SCORECARD*



CATEGORY	POINTS EARNED
Sustainable Sites	4
Water Efficiency	6
Energy & Atmosphere	23
Materials & Resources	12
Indoor Environmental Quality	17
Innovation & Design Process	7
TOTAL	69

* LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance. Certification Thresholds: Certified: 26-32 points, Silver: 33-38 points, Gold: 39-51 points, Platinum: 52-69 points www.usgbc.org



EXPLORE GREEN FEATURES AT SAN JOSE CITY HALL

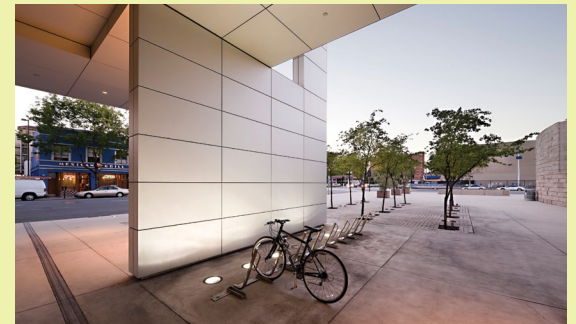
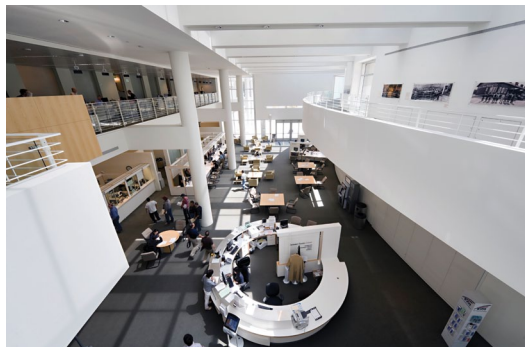


The "brise soleil" sunshading structure keeps the offices on the 18-story building's south side cool during the summer.



"Waterscape," a water sculpture designed by artists Anna Valentina Murch and Douglas Hollis, was inspired by the natural geological and artesian conditions of the San José region. This fountain, located above the parking structure, exclusively uses recycled water.

Natural light reduces the need for electric lighting in most areas of the building's Wing, Tower, passage ways, Rotunda, and Public Information Center.



Well lit bike racks are conveniently located near City Hall entrances to enhance safety and encourage biking as an alternative to driving.

MORE INFORMATION & CONTACTS

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AWARDS

- 2009 Emerald Award from BOMA Silicon Valley

