

The new San Francisco Federal building had a primary objective to become an urban landmark to engage the community.

The current plaza does not reflect this. There is an empty dirt lot with minimal activity from the community.

The bollards and stone benches surrounding the current plaza give an uninviting connotation. Because of these factors, the current design falls short of its primary objective.

This proposed plaza has a goal to bring people into the plaza and feel "at home". If the current "uninviting" stone benches and bollards are removed, it will be a step forward to invite people to the plaza. The proposed design has curved benches that point towards the building. Another part of the proposed design has planters that point out to the streets. This organic shape draws people into the plaza physically since it points into the building. The person experiencing the seating area is submersed into the new plaza.

The proposed design is shaped this way so people can engage walking to the plaza to find a seat. It's surrounding the Honey Bistro Cafe so people are able to not only sit on the tables and chairs provided but onto those stone benches. People are invited to sit down and relax in the plaza as the forms "hug them" close.

The new design has to reflect the primary objective of the original plaza. To engage the community, the design must change how the plaza is entered and create a space for the people to share.

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