

**Name**

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**Project Proposal**

Community Labyrinth

**Select a Category**

Parks & Recreation

**Purpose**

In today's fast-paced world where our differences rather than our common humanity seem to dominate the conversation, the labyrinth reminds us that we are all on the same path. A labyrinth is a single path, meandering path. Labyrinths have been around for centuries and ancient/medieval labyrinths are found throughout the world. The labyrinth offers a single entrance to its path that leads circuitously to its center. Unlike a maze, there are no dead ends or circuits for one to lose one's way. This provides comfort in our uncertain times. There is no "right" way to walk a labyrinth, the walker simply follows the path in the way that is most natural for them. This makes the labyrinth wonderfully accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds. The circuitous nature of the path forces the walker to slow down and so opens up space to better observe and appreciate our beautiful neighborhood park. In addition to benefitting individuals, groups can also use the labyrinth as a way to build and nurture community.

Labyrinths can be found in public parks, schools, hospitals, churches, and backyards. Nearby labyrinths include: Sunnyvale's in Plaza del Sol across from the Caltrain Station, El Camino Hospital in Mountain View and Stanford University Windhover Center. Imagine how lovely it would be to have a labyrinth we could all walk to right here in our district! Reference: The World-wide Labyrinth Locator, <https://labyrinthlocator.com>

I would be happy to participate in the planning and building of this project if it is selected.

**Location in District 1**

Murdock Park