



Art Teacher and Freelance Illustrator

Visual Arts teacher at Mt. San Jacinto High School, Desert Art Center fine art instructor for the middle school seasonal program, and freelance artist/illustrator for commission work and gallery exhibitions.

Details

Taunyo Jones-Hidalgo



Work Experience

2013 - present

Art Teacher

Mt. San Jacinto High School

- *Cultivating an engaging and safe classroom environment that inspire creativity for grades 10-12.
- *Create art lesson plans that align with the CA State Art Standards.
- *Offer differentiated instruction to support ALL students.
- *Provide a judgment free zone to inspire creativity but offer critiques through technical recommendations.
- *Provide equitable lessons.
- *Follow all contracted duties (monitor students at special events and field trips).
- *Create lessons that include using various mediums and coach students in cultivating their unique vision and style through experimentation.

2022

Book Cover Illustrator

- *Create a book cover for "The Jury of Pals: an insider's Impressions of a jury gone wild," based on the detailed description given by the author
- *Complete cover art by given date
- *Create cover digitally

2016 - present

Freelance artist

- *Create art pieces to be tattooed by another artist
- *Hand paint custom shirts and shoes
- *Paint portraits of people, pets, landscapes

2007-2013

Art Teacher

Desert Hot Springs High School

*Cultivating engaging and safe classroom environments that inspire creativity for grades 9-12

*Create art lesson plans that align with the CA State Art Standards.

*Offer differentiated instruction to support ALL students.

*Provide a judgment free zone to inspire creativity but offer critiques through technical recommendations.

*Provide equitable lessons.

*Follow all contracted duties (monitor students at special events and field trips).

*Create lessons that include using various mediums and coach students in cultivating their unique vision and style through experimentation.

Education

Master of Education and teaching credential at Azusa Pacific University

September 2022-2025

Bachelors of Art and minor in film at University of Riverside

September 1999-2022

Skills

Curriculum Development

Classroom Management

Advanced in all fine art mediums

Proficient in Photoshop

Conversational Spanish

Can create art exhibitions

Reliable

From: [Shes Crafty](#)
To: [Christina Burton](#)
Subject: Re: Artist Application 23 Benches at Ocotillo Park in Cathedral City, CA
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 2:40:01 PM
Attachments: [TJones RESUME.rtf](#)

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Thank you kindly for replying to my email. I hope I am not too late! I have attached my resume.

Here is my Statement of interest:

I am highly interested in this unique project because it would be an honor to help create a more vibrant and "fun" environment for my local park. I also agree that beautifying our benches will assist in making it more inviting to our already diverse community. Because I work with the youth and families in our city, I know that they love to take selfies and photos with art and painted architecture in downtown Palm Springs, so I would want them to do the same with the benches in Ocotillo Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Taunyo Jones-Hidalgo

On Fri, May 31, 2024 at 10:56 AM Christina Burton <cburton@cathedralcity.gov> wrote:

Hello Taunyo,

Thank you for your submission!

Below is the list of all requirements for submitting for this project. I see your email does have a bit about yourself and a bit about the project, so this would partially cover the requirements. However, I would suggest you send an Artist Resume and a Statement of Interest, so the Commission has everything they need to review your application. Please provide prior to the deadline of June 10, 2024. If you have any questions I would be happy to help!

[Cathedral City Public Arts Commission Seeks Painters, Muralists to Paint 23 Benches at Ocotillo Park - Discover Cathedral City](#)

A complete application includes the following:

- Artist's resume
- Statement of interest about the project

- 3-5 examples of artist's previous artwork
- Color sketch or digital image of proposed artwork

Thank you,

Christina

From: Shes Crafty [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 10:29 AM
To: Public Arts Commission <publicartscommission@cathedralcity.gov>
Subject: Artist Application 23 Benches at Ocotillo Park in Cathedral City, CA

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Taunyo Jones-Hidalgo and I am applying to paint one of the 23 benches at Ocotillo Park. I have worked as an art teacher for the Palm Springs School District for 18 years. I teach 11th and 12th graders at Mt. San Jacinto High School and I also teach art to 6th graders for a seasonal program with the Desert Art Center in Palm Springs. I just moved to Cathedral City a couple of years ago and I LOVE it. I would be honored to have my art on one of the benches in the city I proudly live in.

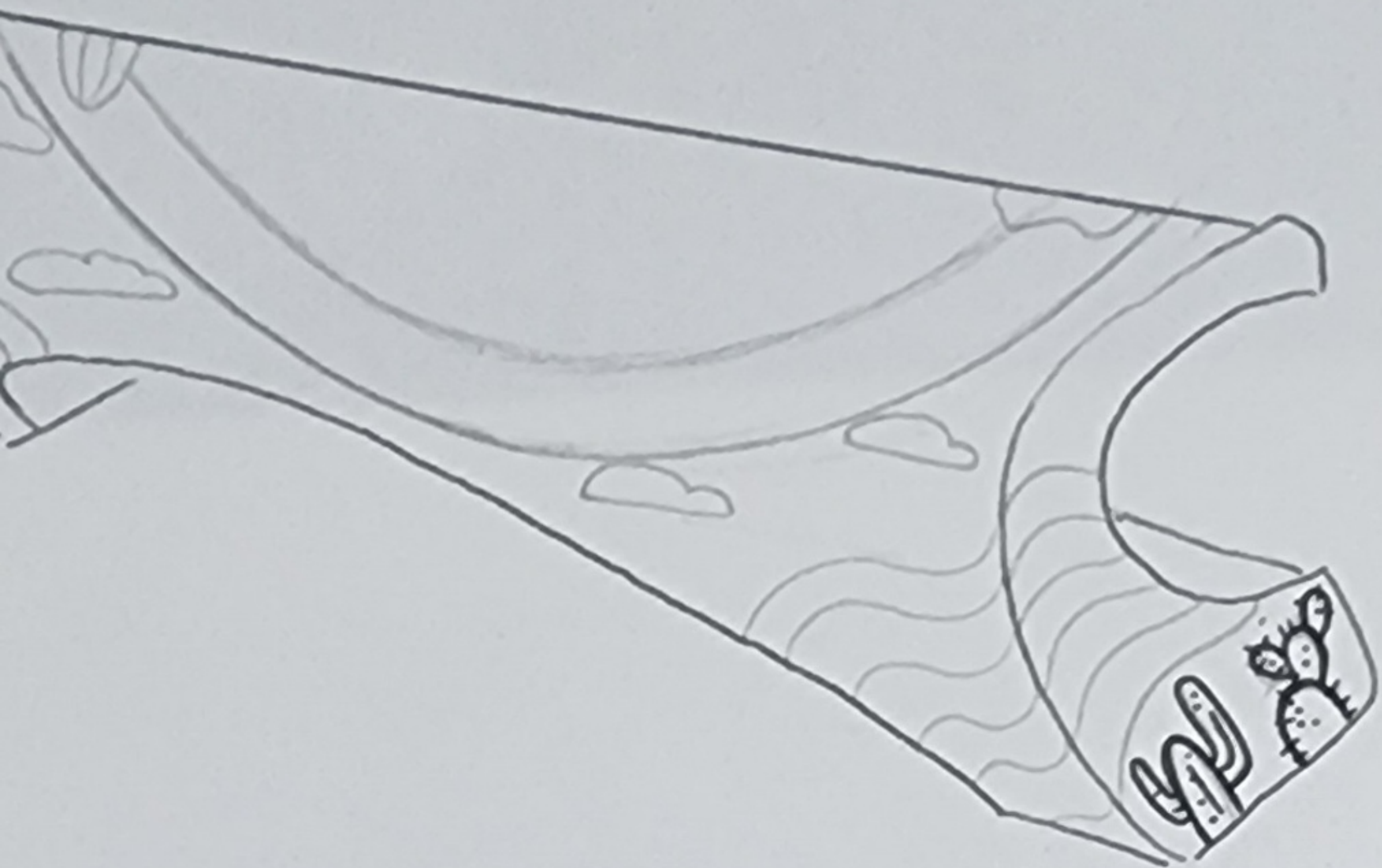
I have been inspired by the all inclusiveness of the city, beautiful landscapes and sunsets, and the diverse population in the area. I myself, am Asian and Irish and feel very welcomed and comfortable in this city.

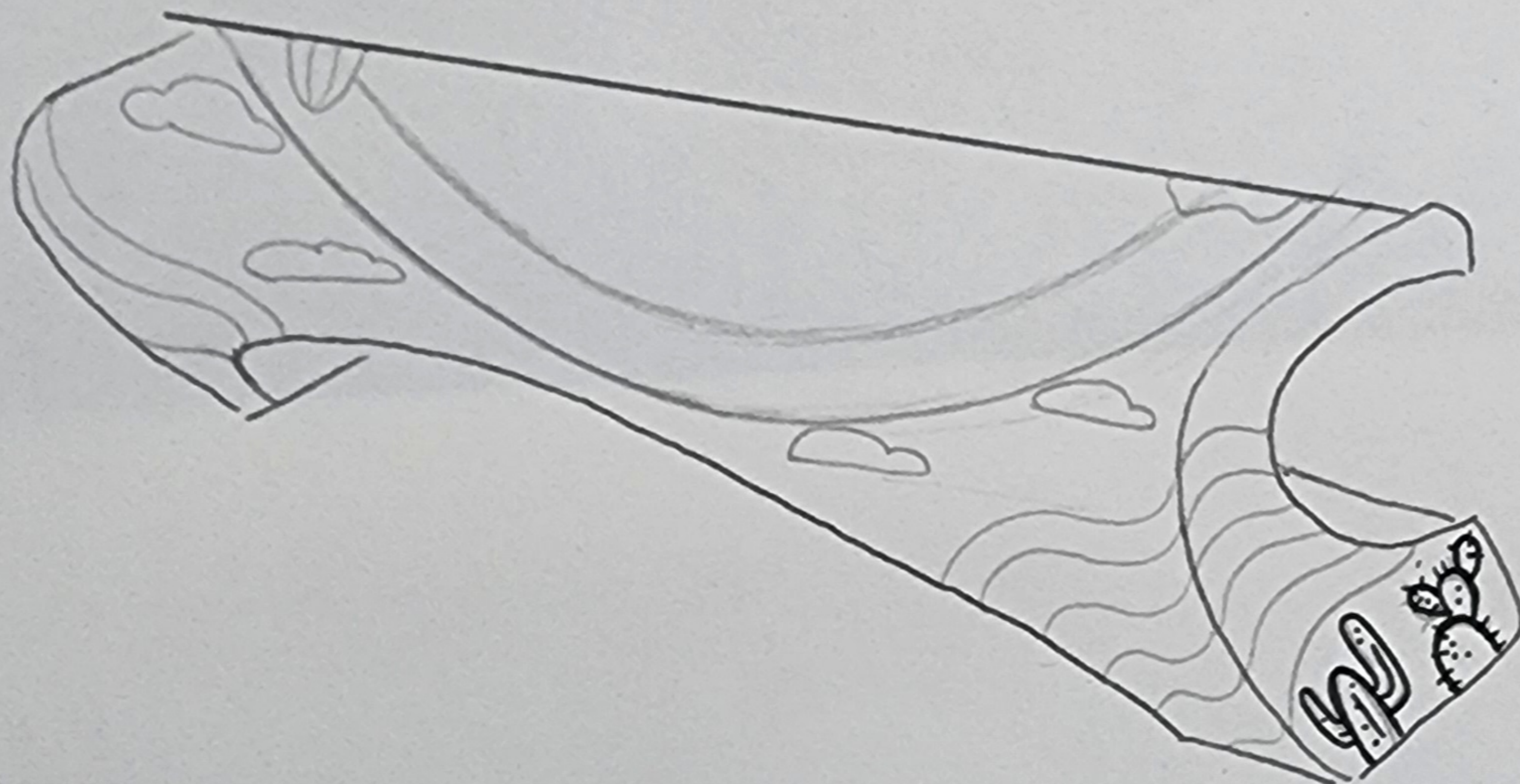
My design will celebrate Cathedral City by being colorful, vibrant and bold. I have attached a small sketch and sample, close up. I have also attached some of my past art works.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Taunyo Jones-Hidalgo











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