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# Narrative

I propose the creation of a site-specific installation titled "El Capacitor" at the Metz Park in District 3. Through empowering imagery and concept, this work deals with the transformation of the neighborhood surrounding the park over the past decade.

The title's reference to the nearby decommissioned Holly Power Plant is the Spanish cognate for "a passive element that stores energy in the form of electric field," and is meant to symbolize the dormant, potential energy within a community that is being "decommissioned" as well.

The installation uses flags, made of clothing from residents in the area, as both a means of staking claim while the poles act as abstracted conductors. The base of the work is both a stage and symbolic interface through which residents can amplify their voice. I would like to create programming to periodically take place at the work so as to engage the neighborhood and add a sense of ownership.





# Programing

Programing for this project revolves around the idea that podiums bestow legitimacy to the person speaking behind it, and creates a focal point around their words and presence.

I will have an Open Mic Day during which I will invite musicians, poets, actors and anyone else who would like to share with the community to get behind the podium.

Also, as this work is about empowering the overlooked residents of this swiftly evolving area of town, I will lead poetry writing workshops with individuals in the neighborhood at the Metz Recreation Center to help them express their point of view of the changes and connect with their fellow citizens.

Finally, the workshops would culminate in live performance at the site as part of the East Austin Studio Tour.

These text from events will then be archived online along with video documentation.





# Site Map

The proposed location for El Capacitor is at **Metz Park** (@ Canterbury & Clara Streets 78702) in **District 3**.

The work is site-specific and references the neighborhood's population and the decommissioned **Holly Street Power Plant**.

The work is meant to inspire the residents and amplify their voices.

The programing associated with El Capacitor will be tailored to the community as well.





# Technical Drawing (footing)

