Neglected public spaces can hurt the well-being of residents, leading to a sense of disconnection from a community. While Aquatic Park has succeeded at providing an oasis from city life and offering an array of water activities, some areas have always needed more support. There is an opportunity to enhance the less popular park locations to welcome people who frequent the space more regularly: residents looking to exercise, workers taking breaks, and anyone who wants to connect with nature. Vibrant colors, natural elements, and a visually appealing environment can uplift spirits, reduce stress, and create a more positive atmosphere within the park.

Stroll through Aquatic Park and discover a captivating mural of California wildflowers with whimsical eyes peering into your soul. The mosaic is visually striking and symbolizes our deep connection to the natural world. It reminds us that we are not separate from nature but are deeply intertwined. The artwork transforms the park into a haven of beauty, igniting wonder and curiosity among visitors. Celebrating the diverse wildflowers enlightens and encourages us to become guardians of the environment. Our bond with nature deepens with each glance, infusing the park with joy, purpose, and shared responsibility.

The mosaic will revitalize an area highly popular with cyclists, people walking along the trail, and workers from nearby businesses. It will bring delight to a section of Aquatic Park that could become more welcoming to the larger Berkeley community.

Murano glass is an excellent material due to its durability, versatility, and low maintenance requirements. When exposed to sunlight, the reflective quality of the material offers a luminous effect that will amplify the wide range of colors in the mosaic. The glass will be cut in uneven shapes to highlight the handmade production process, and a terracotta-colored grout will hold the image together. We will partner with a family of mosaic masters with over 60 years of experience, reflecting the strong spirit of craftsmanship that has always been part of Berkeley's history.

As you keep walking, you will notice a sitting area covered in the same pattern of flowers, with a message split into two benches: "THE FLOWERS WILL KEEP BLOOMING." This phrase alludes to the resilience of Californians, especially of us living in the Bay Area. Wildflowers symbolize adaptability, persistence, diversity, and environmental impact. Park visitors are invited to consider how these vibrant and delicate blossoms can teach us a valuable lesson on thriving in unpredictable environments, withstand adversity and flourish in the face of challenges. A message that is much needed in the Bay Area right now.