



CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER APPOINTS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

OAKLAND, CA (February 3, 2005)— Chabot Space & Science Center is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Derbin as the Center's new Director of Finance. Derbin comes to Chabot from the Berkeley Public Library and brings with him over 25 years of experience in budgeting and financial management. He commences his duties on February 3 and will oversee all financial operations of the Center. He will manage all aspects of the budget, grants, legal services and contracts, and participate in long-term strategic planning and institutional policymaking. He will serve as a member of the senior management team and provide financial forecasts and analysis to the Finance Committee.

Chabot relies on a complex mix of private, government and corporate support for its various educational programs. Derbin will play a key role in managing several large grants made to Chabot, including the \$11.8 million Measure G funding for the expansion of classroom space, a United States Airforce grant of \$1.6 million for upgrading the planetarium to a full-dome digital theater, as well as grants from the National Science Foundation and the Department of Education.

"I am very excited to be a part of Chabot" said Derbin. "With Chabot's 20% attendance increase in the first quarter of 2005 and the expansion of the school programs, as well as the big planetarium upgrade to full dome digital, there will be a lot to do."

At the Berkeley Public Library, Derbin oversaw finance and budgeting for a five-branch municipal library system with an operating budget of over \$13 million and a capital budget of over \$35 million. He worked closely with the Board of Library Trustees, the Berkeley Public Library Foundation and Friends of the Berkeley Public Library. During his tenure there, the library's operating budget increased six-fold, amid budget cuts due to Proposition 13, he prepared the financial analysis to support two special tax measures passed by the citizens of Berkeley to support the library, one of the busiest in the State.

Derbin received his M.B.A. from San Francisco State University and his B.S. in accounting from the University of Detroit. He is also a licensed attorney in the State of California. He and his wife, Leslie, reside in Oakland.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Chabot Space & Science Center is located at 10000 Skyline Blvd. in Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park. **Public hours:** Wed – Thurs, 10 am–5pm; Friday & Saturday, 10 am–10 pm; Sunday, 11 am–5 pm. Closed Mon & Tues. General admission, including free parking and a Planetarium show, is \$13.00 for adults, \$9.00 youth and seniors. Children under 3 are admitted free. Movies in the MegaDome Theater are \$8.00 adult, and \$7.00 youth and seniors. Telescopes are open for Free Public Viewing Fridays & Saturdays from dusk – 10 pm, weather permitting. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or by calling (510) 336-7373.

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