

## **Superintendent Sheila Jordan Joins Chabot Space & Science Center's Board**

### ***—JPA Board Also Welcomes Members from Oakland Unified School District—***

28 September 2005 -- (Oakland, CA) Chabot Space & Science Center has announced the election of Sheila Jordan, Alameda County of Superintendent of Schools, to its Joint Powers Agency (JPA) Board of Directors. "I am delighted to serve on the Board at Chabot," commented Jordan. "Their mission and innovative hands-on approach to education dovetails with my priorities in the development of literacy, math and science education. I look forward to finding ways to support local and regional collaborations that make a difference in the lives of all our children and their families."

Ms. Jordan was elected County Superintendent in 1999. A teacher for more than 20 years, she served on both the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education and the Oakland City Council. She received her B.A. in English and her M.A. in Special Education, Elementary Life Credential from Rutgers University. She received her Administrative Credential from California State University, Hayward and has a certificate in Executive Management from U.C. Berkeley. Her priorities as Superintendent include developing sustainable collaborations that support education, civic engagement, and equal outcomes for children, and assisting Alameda County's 18 school districts to navigate the impact of state budget cuts and the new state and federal mandates.

"Chabot is fortunate to have someone with Sheila Jordan's credentials joining the JPA Board of Directors," said Board Chair, Michael Colbruno. "Jordan is known as one of the most innovative and hard-working academic administrators in the country. As Chabot increasingly becomes a regional education institution, she will be critical in bringing our heralded science and technology programs to a broader audience."

The JPA Board also welcomed three new members from the Oakland Unified School District: Sue Woehrle, Executive Director of High Schools; Sallyann Tomlin, Principal, Thornhill Elementary School; and Theresa Williams-Drame, Department Chair of the Physical Science Department at Merritt College.

Chabot Space & Science Center is the continuation and expansion of Oakland, California's public Chabot Observatory that has served San Francisco Bay Area schools and citizens with astronomy and science education programs for 120 years. Its mission is to engage, inform and inspire people about Earth and space, and is a place where they can learn to shape their future through science and technology. The JPA Board consists of 22 members comprised of appointees from the East Bay Regional Parks District, the City of Oakland, the Eastbay Astronomical Society and the Oakland Unified School District; and

elected members from the public. Its role is to determine policy and to provide the overall organizational direction required by the Science Center to fulfill its mission.

**Chabot Space and Science Center** is a 501c3 nonprofit interactive science center focusing on astronomy and the inter-relationships of all the sciences. Its observatory, planetarium, exhibits, and natural park setting are a place where a diverse population of students, teachers, and the public can imagine, understand, and learn to shape their future through science. For more information, visit [www.chabotspace.org](http://www.chabotspace.org).

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