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## **Chabot Space & Science Center Hosts Vice President Kamala Harris**

(OAKLAND, CA) August 12, 2022 — Chabot Space and Science Center hosts Vice President Kamala Harris, Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Alex Padilla and Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf among other government representatives and principals from nine space companies.

Vice President Harris is Chair of the National Space Council, will deliver remarks about how the Biden-Harris Administration will support the commercial space sector. The Vice President also will tour exhibits by the nine space companies.

The companies in attendance include: Planet, Maxar Technologies, Capella Space, SpaceX, Northrop Grumman, Hawkeye 360, Nanoracks, Sierra Space, and Axiom Space.

Chabot is a non-profit science center, observatory, and home to the NASA Ames Visitor Center. Celebrating the diversity of the Bay Area, Chabot aims to make science and space accessible to a multitude of audiences through immersive exhibits, hands-on STEM activities, planetarium experiences and a breadth of youth development programs.

Chabot houses the NASA Ames Visitor Center, featuring activities and artifacts, part of a broader partnership between the Center and NASA Ames Research Center to connect Oakland youth with NASA, industry, and education to build pathways for underrepresented youth to pursue careers in the STEM workforce.

Founded in 1883 as an astronomical observatory, Chabot moved to its current building in 2000, and is located amid 13 trail-laced acres in Oakland's Redwood Regional Park within the largest stand of coastal redwoods in the East Bay. Chabot's telescope complex features three large-scale telescopes and is the largest observatory complex free for public viewing in the Western United States. The telescope domes house 8-inch (Leah, 1883) and 20-inch telescope (Rachel, 1916) refracting telescopes, along with a 36-inch reflecting telescope (Nellie, 2003).

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