



OAKLAND, CA – August 1, 2023. Chabot Space & Science Center (“Chabot”) announces the donation of an Astra Rocket 3 to the Center. The decommissioned series 3 Astra rocket, Launch Vehicle 0012, will reside in Chabot’s rotunda for visitors to see and experience upon entering the Center. This is the first rocket of its kind to be viewable outside of Astra's rocket factory in Alameda, California.

Astra’s rockets are unique in their small size, and in the record-breaking speed with which they moved from concept to launch to reaching orbit— just 5 years after the company was founded. This rocket is part of their third series of vehicles designed. Rocket 3 launched multiple missions between August 2021 to June 2022 and successfully delivered 22 satellites to orbit.

“Astra’s Rocket 3 is the fastest rocket to successfully reach orbit, just 5 years after Astra was founded, and we could not be more thrilled to see it in its new home at Chabot,” said Chris Kemp, Founder, Chairman and CEO of Astra. “The opportunity to display this rocket, while giving future generations access to the innovation and spirit of discovery that we feel every day at Astra, is one we value immensely.”

"This is an extraordinary time for space exploration, including right here in the Bay Area, which is home to a growing number of companies and organizations at the forefront of space exploration and innovation. Chabot is excited to partner with Astra to showcase the Rocket 3 at our Center and to highlight the stories of scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs who are driving the current renaissance in the space industry. Visitors will gain insight and inspiration into the motivations, challenges, and accomplishments of those leading space innovation and exposes our younger audiences to careers and new interests in space and STEM," said Liz Austerman, Deputy Director of Chabot Space & Science Center.

A rotating series of exhibits will be continuously added to give visitors the chance to learn about the rocket, Astra, spaceflight, manufacturing, engineering, and more. You can learn more about the rocket at [chabot.space/astra-rocket-debut/](https://chabot.space/astra-rocket-debut/).

News Media are invited to cover the ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the groundbreaking installation at Chabot Space & Science Center. The exclusive first look will take place on Friday, August 11 at 10am at Chabot Space & Science Center.

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#### **About Chabot Space & Science Center**

Chabot Space & Science Center is a non-profit institution and community resource located on 13 trail-laced acres in Redwood Regional Park in Oakland amid the largest stand of coastal redwoods in the East Bay. Chabot features a 241-seat full dome planetarium, interactive and hands-on exhibits, space artifacts, a giant screen theater, NASA Ames Visitor Center, and the only research-level telescopes regularly available to the public for weekly live viewing in the Western United States.

Chabot's mission is to inspire and educate learners of all ages about the Universe and Planet Earth.

Chabot Space & Science Center is open Wed.-Sun. 10 am-5 pm with First Fridays the first Friday of every month 6-10 pm. Admission is Adults: \$24 • Children 2-12 \$19 (under 2 free) • Students/Seniors \$19 • Memberships available.

**About Astra Space, Inc.**

Astra's mission is to Improve Life on Earth from Space® by creating a healthier and more connected planet. Today, Astra offers one of the lowest cost-per-launch dedicated orbital launch services of any operational launch provider in the world, and one of the industry's first flight-proven electric propulsion systems for satellites, Astra Spacecraft Engine™. Astra delivered its first commercial launch to low Earth orbit in 2021, making it the fastest company in history to reach this milestone, just five years after it was founded in 2016. Astra (NASDAQ: ASTR) was the first space launch company to be publicly traded on Nasdaq. Visit [astra.com](https://astra.com) to learn more about Astra.