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## **Terrie L. Williams, David Kakishiba Join Board at Chabot Space & Science Center**

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 6 (AScribe Newswire) -- Chabot Space & Science Center announces the confirmation of two new members to its Joint Powers Agency's Board of Directors, both from the Oakland Unified School District.

Terrie L. Williams, OUSD's Executive Officer of Finance joins David Kakishiba, President of the Board of Education for the OUSD, on Chabot's Joint Powers Agency Board of Directors. Chabot is governed by a JPA Board consisting of three representatives each from East Bay Regional Park District, the OUSD, the City of Oakland and the Eastbay Astronomical Society, as well as numerous public appointees.

Mrs. Williams worked for the Detroit Public School system as Budget Director, Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Analyst before joining the Oakland school district. Her achievements in finance management bring real world ideas to today's educators in Oakland.

"I have seen the power of scientific discoveries inspiring students, regardless of age or background," said Mrs. Williams, who has worked in public education and finance for over 20 years. "Chabot's programs can spark imagination in school children that will stay with them their entire lives," she adds.

Terrie received her MBA from the University of Detroit and a B.S. from Michigan State University. She and her husband Richard have two children.

David Kakishiba is a life-long children's advocate. He is the Executive Director of the East Bay Asian Youth Center and he is the author of Measure K, the Kids First! Initiative which Oakland voters passed overwhelmingly in 1996. The measure generates over \$10 million in revenues each year for after-school programs in Oakland.

David's passion for helping children makes his appointment to Chabot's JPA Board a natural addition. His work with multiracial, multilingual youth groups and their families champions children's programs for the arts and sciences in the Bay Area.

"Chabot's science education mission inspires me to reach out to all children for an opportunity to expand their horizons," said Kakishiba, who has played a leading role in the founding of several youth development organizations. "Children can reach beyond physical borders when they are exposed to programs like those at Chabot Space & Science Center."

"David brings a youth and community education focus to Chabot's board that is needed in light

of recent studies showing science education in California is struggling," said Alexander Zwissler, Executive Director & CEO of Chabot Space & Science Center. "Terrie's impact on public education and finance enriches Chabot's ability to flourish. I look forward to working with both of them on the JPA Board."

Chabot Space & Science Center, a Smithsonian affiliate, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit interactive science center whose mission is to inspire and educate students of all ages about our Planet Earth and the Universe. The Center is located at 10000 Skyline Blvd. just off Highway 13 in the Oakland hills.

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