



Chabot Space & Science Center names Mark Roberts Director of Development

Oakland, Calif. – Dec. 5 – Chabot Space & Science Center has hired Mark Roberts as its Development Director. Roberts is a former fundraising director for the University of San Francisco, the California Shakespeare Theater and St. Mary's College.

“Mark brings extraordinary expertise to Chabot,” said interim CEO Jerry Fiddler. “The prolific increase in contributions that Mark engineered over the last year at the University of San Francisco will benefit that school for years to come. We’ve established aggressive goals and Mark’s hiring signals an era of financial growth and heightened partnership relations at Chabot.”

Under Roberts’ guidance, USF saw its alumni contributions skyrocket from \$2.5 million to \$4 million in a single year. In his new role, Roberts will oversee a campaign to raise an additional \$900,000 for Chabot’s fiscal 2007 budget, which has current funding of \$5.2 million.

Roberts succeeds professional interim development director Lauren Adams, who has been serving in that role at Chabot since April.

“I have fond memories of visiting the Old Chabot Observatory on Mountain Boulevard as a kid, and the new Chabot is 10 times as impressive,” said Roberts, who assumed his duties Monday. “So I’m well aware of the incredible learning experiences that this center offers students and curious minds of all ages. I look forward to aggressively building relationships throughout the Bay Area and securing the financial resources necessary to establish Chabot’s place as the premier science center in California.”

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