(Dublin, CA) - Chabot-Las Positas College Community College District (CLPCCD) Board of Trustees member Donald L. "Dobie" Gelles will be honored for his two decades of service at the 2019 Annual Trustees Conference this May. Each year, the Annual Trustees Conference recognizes community college trustees who have achieved 20 years of service at a California community college district.

Gelles serves in CLPCCD's Trustee Area 4, which represents Castro Valley and Oakland, and has been a member of the board since 1998. Included in his tenure are two terms as board president.

Prior to his time on the board, Gelles served three years in the military and eight years as a reservist. A retired K-12 administrator, Gelles was the Director for Castro Valley Adult School in Castro Valley Unified School District and has been a member of the Eden Hospital Community Board, Castro Valley Unified School District board and has been president of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs. He holds a bachelor of arts in science and math from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's in counseling from California State University Hayward.

The Annual Trustees Conference was developed to help trustees strengthen the skills and knowledge required to lead their colleges and be accountable to their communities. Speakers and sessions explore student success, fiscal responsibility, educational trends and effective trusteeship.

The Fulfilling the Trust Awards will be held on Saturday, May 4 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Lake Tahoe.

About Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

CLPCCD serves 29,000 students annually, in the San Francisco East Bay Area, particularly southern Alameda County, through its two colleges: Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore. CLPCCD is governed by a seven-member board of trustees which is responsible for all policy decisions. Board members are elected from trustee areas by the registered voters of nine communities: Castro Valley, Dublin, Hayward, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Sunol, and Union City.

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