

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

December 14, 2021

Agenda Item: 5.7

Subject: Approval of Donation of Astronomy and Astrophotography Equipment from Liliana Maski and the Estate of Rollen Maski to Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College

Background: Liliana Maski, of Pleasanton, California, wishes to donate the lifetime collection of astronomy equipment and parts, owned by her late husband, Roland Maski, for instructional and educational use by Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College, staff and students. In particular, the collection of telescopes, eyepieces, adaptors, tripods, filters, finder scopes, and digital imaging equipment will be used regularly in Astronomy laboratory (Astronomy 30L), and on occasion for use in star gazing nights for astronomy lecture classes (Astronomy 10 and Astronomy 20). Astronomy faculty will also use equipment to host “star parties” at local k-12 schools. It is also anticipated that some of the equipment, not in immediate use in lab or lecture, can be loaned to registered students to practice telescope use and/or astrophotography, for class-centered research. Based on receipts provided, and current values of the individual parts, the value of all donated equipment is \$6,200.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees accepts this gift of astronomy equipment from Liliana Maski for use by students and staff of Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor of Business Services to execute this agreement on behalf of the district.

Submitted by: Jonah R. Nicholas/Date

Approved: Ronald P. Gerhard/Date

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