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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON MASS VIOLENCE PREVENTION & COMMUNITY  
SAFETY, SELECT**

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety, Select was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair  
Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Jane Nelson  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator José Rodríguez  
Senator Larry Taylor  
Senator John Whitmire

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Chair made opening remarks.

The Chair called the following panels to provide invited testimony (see attached witness list).

The following witnesses testified and registered on the following charge (see attached witness list):

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- *Assess how state and local law enforcement agencies, fusion centers, mental health providers, digital platforms and social media companies such as Google, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc., can better collaborate to detect, prevent, and respond to mass violence and terroristic activity. Examine what resources, staffing and protocols are necessary to enhance these partnerships and whether state funding is needed to assist local authorities in this endeavor.*

The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:38 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

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Sean Opperman, Committee Director