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Senator Joan Huffman to Chair the Senate Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety

Austin - Yesterday afternoon, Senator Joan Huffman (R - Houston), was appointed by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick to serve as the Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety. The committee will study and recommend effective legislative solutions that will help prevent mass gun violence and improve community safety.

"As Chair of the committee, I will leave no stone unturned," said Huffman. "We, as elected officials, have an obligation to the people of Texas to do everything within our power to help keep our communities safe. It is my goal for the committee to exemplify bipartisanship, common-sense, and a commitment to public safety, while protecting the constitutional rights of all Texans."

The Senate Select Committee and the corresponding House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety will begin meeting later this month.

"As a member of the Texas Safety Commission, I had an opportunity to visit with the families of the victims in El Paso during our most recent meeting," Huffman said. "Going forward, I will be forever mindful of their grief and will take with me their pleas for Texas elected officials to do something to prevent future instances of mass violence. Now is the time for action, and I look forward to what we will accomplish for the people of Texas."

To view the Senate Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety's charges, visit: https://www.ltgov.state.tx.us/2019/09/04/lt-gov-dan-patrick-names-senate-select-committee-on-mass-violence-prevention-and-community-safety-and-issues-committee-charges/

Senator Joan Huffman represents District 17, which includes portions of Brazoria, Fort Bend, and Harris counties. Huffman currently serves as President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate, Chair of the Senate Committee on State Affairs, Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting, Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety, Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, and as a member of the Senate Committee on Finance, Senate Committee on Administration, and the Legislative Budget Board. Huffman and her family reside in Houston.

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