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Select Committee on Retail Theft to Hold First Hearing

SACRAMENTO – The California Assembly Select Committee on Retail theft is scheduled to meet tomorrow to explore policy solutions to the rise in retail crime in California. The Select Committee is comprised of bipartisan members from across the state, including from areas most impacted by retail theft. The committee will provide a forum for legislators to engage with a range of impacted stakeholders – including retailers, workers, criminal justice reform advocates, law enforcement, and members of the public.

“Tomorrow the Select Committee formed by Speaker Rivas will begin our work. We will convene some of the most respected experts from a variety of perspectives to provide insight and recommendations on how to most effectively stem retail crime in California,” said Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur. “What is happening in our communities is unacceptable and we must act with urgency. But we also must look at facts and find the solutions that will actually work. The Select Committee was formed to do just that – to listen to the experts and those in our communities who are impacted, to discern the facts, and to understand the best path forward.”

WHAT: First Hearing for the Assembly Select Committee on Retail Theft

WHO: **Caitlin O’Neil**, Principal Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst’s Office
Magnus Lofstrom, Policy Director & Senior Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California
Rachel Michelin, President and CEO, California Retailers Association
Amber Parrish Baur, Executive Director, United Food and Commercial Workers Western States Council
Jeff Kreshek, Senior Vice President - Western Region President, Federal Realty
Lenore Anderson, President, Californians for Safety and Justice
Ivy B. Fitzpatrick, Managing Deputy District Attorney, Riverside County District Attorney’s Office, and Member, California District Attorneys Association’s Board of Directors and Legislative Committee
Cristine Soto DeBerry, Executive Director, Prosecutors Alliance of California
Chief Alexander Gammelgard, President, California Police Chiefs Association

WHEN: Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 1 p.m.

WHERE: Capitol Annex Swing Space, 1021 O St., Sacramento, Room 1100

Watch Live Stream on a51.asmdc.org

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To learn more about the Assembly Select Committee on Retail Theft, head to our website:
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