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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2020-0027]

Homeland Security Advisory Council; Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Partnership and Engagement (OPE),
Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice of partially closed Federal Advisory
Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC or
Council) will meet in person on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.
The meeting will be partially closed to the public and have
both an open session and a closed session. Due to the
National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease
(COVID-19) pandemic members of the public will join the
public session by teleconference.

DATES: The meeting will take place from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15
p.m. EDT on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. The meeting will be
closed to the public from 9:10 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. EDT. The
meeting will be open to the public from 1:45 p.m. to 3:15
p.m. EDT. Please note the meeting may end early if the
Council has completed its business. If the times change due
to the current National Emergency concerning the COVID-19
pandemic, those members of the public who have signed up

for this notice will receive the new time schedule as soon as it becomes available.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Town Hall at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), 601 S 12th Street (East Building), in Arlington, VA 20598. Members of the public interested in participating may do so by following the process outlined below (see "Public Participation"). Written public comments prior to the meeting must be received by 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, August 14, 2020, and must be identified by Docket No. DHS-2020-0027. Written public comments after the meeting must be identified by Docket No. DHS-2020-0027 and may be submitted by *one* of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **E-mail:** HSAC@hq.dhs.gov. Include Docket No. DHS-2020-0027 in the subject line of the message.
- **Fax:** (202) 282-9207. Include Mike Miron and the Docket No. DHS-2020-0027 in the subject line of the message.
- **Mail:** Mike Miron, Acting Executive Director of Homeland Security Advisory Council, Office of Partnership and Engagement, Mailstop 0385, Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, Washington, DC 20528.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and "DHS-2020-0027," the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read comments received by the Council, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, search "DHS-2020-0027," "Open Docket Folder" and provide your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Miron at HSAC@hq.dhs.gov or at (202) 447-3135.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under Section 10(a) of the **Federal Advisory Committee Act** (FACA), Pub. L. 92-463 (5 U.S.C. Appendix), which requires each FACA committee meeting to be open to the public.

The Council provides organizationally independent, strategic, timely, specific, actionable advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters related to homeland security. The Council is comprised of leaders of local law enforcement, first responders, Federal, State, and Local governments, the private sector, and academia.

The Council will meet in an open session between 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. EDT. The Council will receive progress reports from the Economic Security, Biometrics, Information and Communication Technology Risk Reduction, and Youth Engagement subcommittees; and senior leadership will announce a new tasking and new Council membership. The HSAC will also review, deliberate, and vote on the final draft report of the Emerging Technology Subcommittee.

Participation: Members of the public will be in listen-only mode. The public may register to participate in this meeting via the following procedures. Each individual must provide his or her full legal name and email address no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, August 14, 2020 to Mike Miron of the Council via email to HSAC@hq.dhs.gov or via phone at (202) 447-3135. Details on getting access for the conference call will be provided to interested members of the public after the closing of the public registration period and prior to the meeting. For information on services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance, contact Mike Miron at HSAC@hq.dhs.gov or (202) 447-3135 as soon as possible.

The Council will meet in a closed session from 9:10 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. EDT to receive sensitive operational

information from senior officials on intelligence, border security, transportation security, cybersecurity and infrastructure. *Basis for Partial Closure:* In accordance with Section 10(d) of FACA, the Acting Secretary of Homeland Security has determined this meeting requires partial closure. The disclosure of the information relayed would be detrimental to the public interest for the following reasons:

The Council will receive closed session briefings containing For Official Use Only and Law Enforcement sensitive information from senior officials. The session is closed under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (7) (E) because disclosure of that information could reveal investigative techniques and procedures not generally available to the public, allowing terrorists and those with interests against the United States to circumvent the law and thwart the Department's strategic initiatives.

Specifically, there will be material presented during the briefings regarding the latest viable threats against the United States and how DHS and other Federal agencies plan to address those threats. The session is closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (9) (B) because disclosure of these techniques and procedures could frustrate the

successful implementation of protective measures designed to keep our country safe.

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