

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN ARIZONA

## Discussion Questions

### **SESSION I – THURSDAY EVENING – NOVEMBER 8**

1. What should be the principal goals for Arizona's criminal justice system?

### **SESSION II – FRIDAY MORNING – NOVEMBER 9**

1. To what extent do substance abuse and/or mental illness affect Arizona's criminal justice system? How can we most effectively address these issues?
2. What could be done to improve the operation of Arizona's criminal justice system prior to the charging of a defendant?
3. What could be done to improve the operation of Arizona's criminal justice system during the period while defendants are awaiting trial?

### **SESSION III – FRIDAY AFTERNOON – NOVEMBER 9**

1. To what extent are Arizona’s sentencing laws helping us to accomplish the goals established in response to Session I?
  
2. Keeping in mind that sentences can include non-incarceration options, what could be done, and by whom, to improve Arizona’s criminal justice system after conviction and before completion of sentence?
  
3. What could be done to improve Arizona’s criminal justice system after completion of sentence?
  
4. What actions should receive priority and who should be responsible for taking them?
  
5. What one action will you take as a result of your participation in this Town Hall?  
*Consider how you might change the conversation about Arizona’s criminal justice system in a manner that focuses on constructive solutions, becoming politically engaged to advocate for needed policy change and any other action you consider helpful or appropriate.*