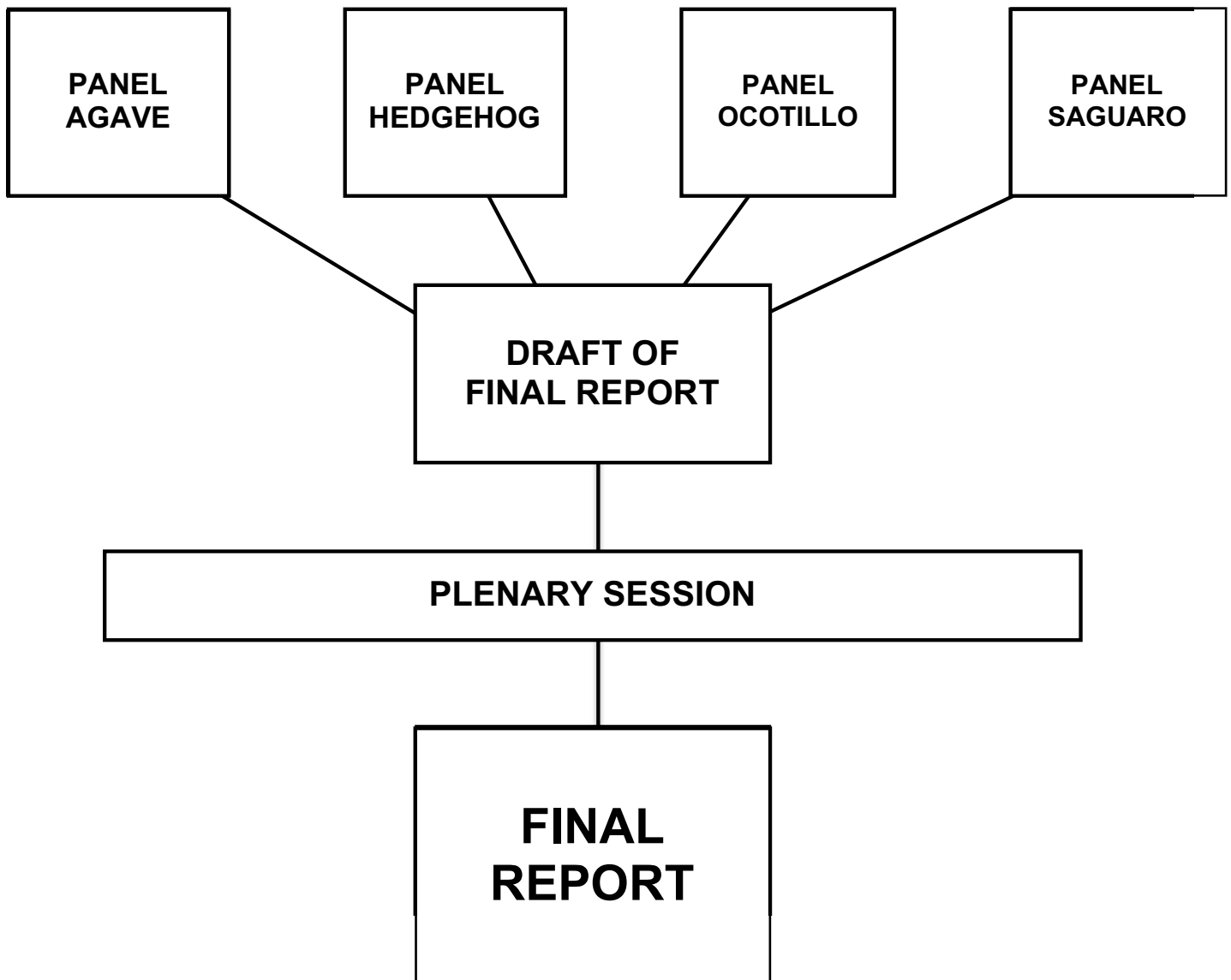


Criminal Justice in Arizona

111th Arizona Town Hall - November 8-10, 2018 - Phoenix, Arizona

The Arizona Town Hall Process

From the Group Statement to the Final Report



“Seek first to understand, then to be understood.”

Stephen Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Successful People*

OVERVIEW OF THE ARIZONA TOWN HALL PROCESS

Arizona Town Hall is a private nonprofit organization founded in 1962 for the purpose of educating, engaging, connecting and empowering people to resolve important issues. Much of the success of Arizona Town Hall lies in the fact that the process incorporates the knowledge, thoughts and ideas of all the participants. The Town Hall process has been adapted and utilized by many other groups who strive to create solutions by drawing upon diverse views and building informed coalitions.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

The Town Hall begins with panel discussions. Each panel addresses the same discussion questions during the first portion of the Town Hall. The process and guiding principles for the panel discussions are as follows:

- The Panel Chair reads one question at a time and discussion follows.
- It is important to stick to the question at hand.
- The panel strives for consensus (votes are taken only if absolutely necessary).
- Consensus is reached when no one wants to add anything, and no one objects strongly to the wording offered.
- The Panel Recorder's role is to keep the panel on time, capture the consensus comments, read back consensus statements to the panel and make edits with participants.
- Viewpoints of all participants are considered equally valuable, regardless of title or position.
- Discussions are encouraged to be robust while maintaining a respect for different viewpoints.
- Participants are allowed to criticize concepts—not people.
- Minority viewpoints must be very strong to find their way into the final document.
- Media may be present at the Town Hall and may be in attendance during panel discussions. You should assume that your comments may be quoted at any time.
- Observers may attend the sessions but generally cannot contribute to discussions.
- The process is as valuable as the recommendations.

CREATION OF THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

Once complete, the consensus statements are taken from each panel to the Report Chairs. The Report Chairs review the statements and look for consensus across all of the panels. With assistance from the Panel Recorders, the Report Chairs create a draft report of what appears to be the consensus of the Town Hall participants.

The draft report is distributed early in the morning before the plenary session on the Wednesday of each Town Hall. Panels meet prior to the start of the plenary session to review the draft and outline any areas the panel wants to address at the plenary session.

THE PLENARY SESSION

At the plenary session, Arizona Town Hall's Board Chair leads all of the Town Hall participants, as a full body, in an organized review of the document. All participants work to approve, amend or reject each section of the report of recommendations.

AGENDA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Town Hall Registration – Main Lobby
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Social Hour – Indigo Lounge Lobby
- 6:00 p.m. Opening Dinner & Orientation
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| <u>Panel Agave</u> – Crescent III
Pat Norris, Chair
Jeremy Goodman, Recorder | <u>Panel Hedgehog</u> – Crescent I
John Kitagawa, Chair
Rosalva Zimmerman, Recorder |
| <u>Panel Ocotillo</u> – Crescent II
John Burton, Chair
Travis Le Duc, Recorder | <u>Panel Saguaro</u> – Crescent VI
Michael Davis, Chair
Cindy Shimokusu, Recorder |

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Program – Phoenix Ballroom
Welcome: **Tara Jackson**, President, Arizona Town Hall
Presiding: **Hank Peck**, Board Chair, Arizona Town Hall; Director, TCI Wealth Advisors, Inc.
Sponsor Highlighted: **FWD.us**
Keynote Speaker: **Felicity Rose**, Director, Research and Policy for Criminal Justice Reform, FWD.us
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Panel Discussions – (Coffee break mid-morning)
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Luncheon Program – Phoenix Ballroom
Presiding: **Pat Norris**, Board Chair-Elect, Arizona Town Hall; Lawyer Development, ASU Alumni Law Group; Retired Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals
Sponsor Highlighted: **Salt River Project (SRP)**
Presentation of Shirley Agnos Legacy Award by Shirley Agnos, President Emerita, Arizona Town Hall to:
Maxine Lakin and Mary Grier
Panel Presentation: *Reducing Recidivism*
Frantz Beasley, President & Co-Founder, AZ Common Ground
Sarah Douthit, Chief Probation Officer, Coconino County Adult Probation
Karen Hellman, Division Director, Inmate Programs and Reentry, Arizona Department of Corrections
Sheila Polk, Yavapai County Attorney, Yavapai County

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 (CONT.)

- 1:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Continuation of panel discussions (Coffee break mid-afternoon)
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Social Hour – Indigo Lounge Lobby
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner Program – Phoenix Ballroom
- Presiding: **Evelyn Casuga**, Senior Advisor, Community Relations, Central Arizona College
- Sponsor Highlighted: **Arizona Public Service (APS)**
- Community Town Halls: Sharing Ideas and Leveraging Efforts*
- John Burton**, Owner, JP Burton Group
- John Kitagawa**, Retired Rector, St. Phillip's in the Hills
- Ray Newton**, Professor Emeritus, Northern Arizona University
- Charles Ryan**, Director, Arizona Department of Corrections

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 7:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Grab and Go Breakfast available – Phoenix Ballroom
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Individual panel caucuses
- Panel Agave – Crescent III
- Panel Hedgehog – Crescent I
- Panel Ocotillo – Crescent II
- Panel Saguaro – Crescent VI
- 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Plenary Session – Phoenix Ballroom
- (Breakfast and lunch will be available during the session
– there will be no formal break)
- Presiding: **Hank Peck**, Board Chair, Arizona Town Hall
- Adoption of Recommendations

11TH ARIZONA TOWN HALL PROGRAM SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Friday, November 9, Breakfast Program

Keynote Speaker

Felicity Rose, Director, Research and Policy for Criminal Justice Reform, FWD.us

Felicity Rose serves as the Director of Research and Policy for Criminal Justice Reform at FWD.us, where she oversees data-driven advocacy efforts in some of the nation's highest-incarcerating states.

Before joining FWD.us, Rose worked at The Crime and Justice Institute and The Pew Charitable Trusts, where she led analysis of sentencing and corrections data to inform comprehensive policy reform efforts in seven states, including Florida, Oklahoma, Mississippi, and Utah. While at Pew, Rose published the first nationwide study of length of stay in prison by state. Rose previously worked with the California Administrative Office of the Courts, the Yolo County Probation Department, and The Sentencing Project. Rose received her master's degree in public policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley.



Friday, November 9, Lunch Program

Panel Presentation: Reducing Recidivism

Frantz Beasley, President & Co-Founder, AZ Common Ground

Frantz Beasley is the President and Co-Founder of a Phoenix based nonprofit organization called AZ Common Ground. Beasley serves as the Executive Director for Makarios Youth Prevention Project which is a nonprofit organization which offers critical thinking programs, advocacy and mentoring to children of color to prevent them from entering the criminal justice system. Beasley recently joined the Arizona Department of Corrections' Constituent Services Advisory Committee and serves on Congressman Ruben Gallego's African American Advisory Council. In 2015, Beasley was awarded the Innovative Program of the Year for AZ Common Ground by Arizona Correctional Educators, Inc.



Sarah Douthit, Chief Probation Officer, Coconino County Adult Probation

Sarah Douthit is employed with the Coconino County Adult Probation Department and holds the position of Chief Probation Officer. Since 1999, Douthit has held a variety of positions in the criminal justice system in Arizona to include Adult Parole, Adult Probation and the Arizona Supreme Court. Douthit has been involved with the training and implementation of evidence-based practices in Coconino County and throughout Arizona. Douthit holds a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and a master's degree in Educational Psychology.



Karen Hellman, Division Director, Inmate Programs and Reentry, Arizona Department of Corrections

Karen Hellman is the Division Director for Inmate Programs and Reentry at the Arizona Department of Corrections. In this capacity, Hellman oversees Education, Counseling and Treatment Services, Religious Services, Arizona Correctional Industries, and Community Corrections. In 1996, Hellman graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice with Masters in Forensic Psychology and began working at the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections. Hellman also worked in the ALPHA Program at the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department. Hellman joined the Arizona Department of Corrections in 2004 and has held a variety of positions related to addiction treatment before moving into the role she now occupies.



Sheila Polk, Yavapai County Attorney, Yavapai County

Sheila Polk, County Attorney for Yavapai County, is a native Arizonan who received her Bachelor's Degree and Law Degree from Arizona State University. After clerking for Arizona Supreme Court Justice Jack Hays, Polk served in the Arizona Attorney General's Office for eleven years before moving to the Yavapai County Attorney's Office where she specialized in the prosecution of felony and sex crimes.

In November of 2000, Polk became the first woman to be elected as Yavapai County Attorney, and is currently serving her fifth term. Polk serves on the Governor's Arizona Human Trafficking Council and is the state chairperson for both the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council (APAAC) and the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC). Polk is Co-Chair and founding member of MATFORCE, the Yavapai County substance abuse coalition. Polk has been an active member of the Yavapai County Mental Health Coalition since its inception. In 2018, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum recognized Polk as an "agent of change."



2018 Recipients of the Shirley Agnos Legacy Award

Maxine Lakin, Retired Teacher and Community Volunteer

Maxine Lakin is a committed life-long community advocate. Lakin graduated from the University of Arizona with a B.A. in Education in 1944. Lakin worked as a high school teacher, as well as for a number of business-related positions.

Lakin was elected to the Phoenix Union High School Board of Education in 1965, where she later served as the first woman president. Lakin was appointed to the Governor's Commission on the Arizona Environment where she served for over 20 years, and was instrumental in the creation of Harmony Farms at the Phoenix Zoo. Lakin has held leadership positions on more than a dozen other boards, been recognized in Who's Who in America, and received several awards such as the Lifetime Award from the University of Arizona, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the Diana Award and Phoenix Woman of the Year.

Lakin married Chuck Lakin in 1946, together raising four daughters. Lakin now has ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.



Mary Grier, Retired Attorney and Community Volunteer

Mary Mangotich Grier is a retired attorney who practiced law for 37 years before retiring from the City of Phoenix, where she worked in real estate, economic development and finance. During Grier's professional career, she served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Arizona representing the Arizona State Land Department and spent almost 20 years in private legal practice as a shareholder in Tucson, Arizona and Monterey, California law firms.

Grier has served the State Bar of Arizona, the Pima County and Monterey County Bar Associations, and the Arizona Women Lawyer's Association in a variety of leadership roles and was acknowledged as the State Bar of Arizona's Member of the Year in 1999.

Grier has served as a member of the board of directors and in various offices and committees of the Arizona Bar Foundation, the University of Arizona Law College Association, Arizona Town Hall, Soroptimist International of Phoenix and Musician Enrichment Foundation, and as trustee of the Agnese Nelms Haury trust. In 2018, Grier was honored to be acknowledged as the James E. Rogers College of Law Alumna of the Year by the University of Arizona Alumni Association. Grier also has provided volunteer service to a variety of other professional and community organizations and programs, including Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona, Community Legal Services and Court Appointed Special Advocates.



COMMUNITY TOWN HALL SNAPSHOTS



“It was a great way to voice your concerns and to collaborate on solutions.”

- Participant, South Phoenix Community Town Hall



“I learned that people from every demographic have the same concerns and desires for change.”

- Participant, Whetstone Unit Community Town Hall



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

111TH ARIZONA TOWN HALL

SESSION I - THURSDAY EVENING – NOVEMBER 8

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?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, Cont.

SESSION III - FRIDAY AFTERNOON – NOVEMBER 8

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.*

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