



Public Forum
Monday, Sept. 17, 2018

**“CAN WE IMPROVE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY
BY REDUCING THE PRISON POPULATION?”**

Issue 1 – Neighborhood Safety, Drug Treatment, and Rehabilitation Amendment

Speakers:

In support of the amendment:



Stephen JohnsonGrove, Deputy Director for Policy,
Ohio Justice and Policy Center

Elizabeth Hopkins, staff lead, AMOS



In opposition to the amendment: TBA

The Amendment would



Reclassify drug possession felonies as misdemeanors, because people struggling with addiction need treatment, not prison.



Cut off the probation-to-prison pipeline.



Incentivize personal rehabilitation in prison.



Invest savings in community health and treatment.

WCC and its co-sponsors invites the community to learn about and participate in a conversation about this grass roots initiative.

First Unitarian Church, 536 Linton Street in Avondale off Reading Rd.

Doors open at 6:30 pm for light snacks and socializing. Program begins at 7 pm.

