



# *National Coalition of Free Men*

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## NCFM SUES COUNTY FOR LACK OF COMMISSION FOR MEN

On July 11th, 2002, the National Coalition of Free Men, Los Angeles chapter, will file a lawsuit against L.A. County for refusing to create a commission for men, as they have created for women.

“A commission for men can be just as successful as the commission for women has been, and there’s a dire need for it,” says Marc Angelucci, a mental health attorney and president of NCFM L.A. “Men vastly outnumber women in suicides, dropouts, homelessness, incarcerations and job casualties. Men have lots of issues as men, but their issues are ignored even by male politicians.”

In a letter to Supervisor Yvonne Burke dated June 6, 2001, L.A. County’s Chief Executive Office opposed NCFM’s proposal for a commission for men, claiming “there is insufficient data available to substantiate that men are being denied basic human rights due to discrimination.”

“Not true,” says Angelucci. “Men face routine discrimination in family courts, criminal sentences, draft registration, prostate cancer funding, domestic violence services and more. They get denied access to their kids due to judicial bias, false accusations or blocked visitation. Then they’re labeled ‘deadbeat dads’ and dragged through a vicious and hostile system.”

New Hampshire recently formed a statewide commission for men.  
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2002/HB0587.html>

Other supporters of a commission for men include:

State Assemblyman Rod Wright  
June Dunbar, Commissioner, L.A. County Commission for Women  
Martin Fiebert, Ph.D, professor of psychology, Cal State Long Beach (562-985-5027)  
Herb Goldberg, Ph.D., professor of psychology, Cal State L.A. (323-223-3042)  
William Comanor, Ph.D., professor of economics & health, UCLA (310-206-1641)  
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Karen DeCrow, Esq., former president of NOW (315-682-2563)

NCFM will also file suits against the counties of Orange, L.A. and San Bernardino for discriminating against men in domestic violence shelters.

PRESS CONFERENCE: July 11th, 1pm, County Courthouse steps, Grand Ave.  
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