



# *National Coalition of Free Men*

*Los Angeles Chapter*

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## **MEN'S GROUPS TO SPEAK AT COUNTY SUPERVISOR MEETING - LAWSUIT**

*For immediate release*

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**NEWS CONFERENCE:** 11/19/02, 10am, Hall of Adm., 500 West Temple St. L.A.

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About 20 or more activists from the L.A. chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men and others will hold a rally outside the L.A. County Board of Supervisors' meeting on November 19, from 9am-12pm. We will also testify before the Supervisors during public comment (Item 76) to ask the County to create a Commission for Men that will address issues affecting men, such as child custody, paternity fraud, domestic violence, prostate cancer, prison rape and false accusations. The testimony can be viewed live from the County website at <http://bos.co.la.ca.us>.

We have also filed a lawsuit to that effect based on equal protection (Superior Ct. BC77370).

Last year we submitted a proposal to the County for a men's commission. The Chief Admin. Officer David Janssen responded with a June 6, 2001 letter to Supervisor Yvonne Burke rejecting our proposal and saying there's insufficient evidence that men are denied basic human rights due to discrimination. Janssen's claim is both untrue and irrelevant - untrue because we gave the County substantial evidence of anti-male discrimination, like in domestic violence services and criminal sentencing – and irrelevant because the women's commission addresses areas where women are not routinely discriminated against, like child custody and breast cancer.

## **OTHER SPEAKERS ATTENDING ON NOVEMBER 19**

Dianna Thompson, American Coalition for Father's and Children (800-978-3237);  
Carnell Smith, Citizens Against Paternity Fraud ([director@paternityfraud.com](mailto:director@paternityfraud.com));  
Stanly Green, Stop Abuse For Everyone;  
Patricia Overberg, former Director of the Valley Oasis DV Shelter;  
Morse Mehrban, attorney for NCFM, LA in various lawsuits.  
and others, including male victims of paternity fraud, domestic violence, and false accusations.

## **LETTERS OF SUPPORT** for a men's commission have come from:

Cal State University;  
Kaiser Hospital;  
Judge Mablean of Fox TV's "Divorce Court" (and former L.A. City Prosecutor);  
Assemblyman Rod Wright;  
Two county-contracted mental health agencies;  
And others. The letters are available at [www.ncfmla.org/activism/activism.html](http://www.ncfmla.org/activism/activism.html).

## **RELATED SOURCES**

Fox News column mentions County's bias: [www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,34159,00.html](http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,34159,00.html)  
N.H. Comm. for men: [www.cmonitor.com/stories/front2002/men\\_s\\_commission\\_2002.shtml](http://www.cmonitor.com/stories/front2002/men_s_commission_2002.shtml)  
Prostate/breast cancer funding bias: <http://www3.cancer.gov/public/factbk97/varican.htm>

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