

POST RALLY UPDATE

RALLY

Last Tuesday (11/19/02), which was International Men's Day, we held a rally outside the Los Angeles County Hall of Administration and spoke before the County Board of Supervisors about men's issues and the need for a Commission for Men. We had almost 20 people outside with signs, NCFM, LA flyers and info. We received lots of public support, with cars and bus drivers honking as they passed. We were interviewed by tons of media, even the local CNN and a few Spanish radio stations who interviewed our Spanish-speaking activist Edgar. We later heard from people who saw us on the Channel Two news and on a major radio news station, and we know we received more coverage than that. I was also interviewed on the John and Ken show the next night, which I'll get to in a moment. Joining us to speak before the Supervisors were about 15 people, including victims of paternity fraud, male victims of domestic violence, male victims of false accusations, two producers of an upcoming TV show about men and things that affect them in their daily lives, Carnell Smith of Citizens Against Paternity Fraud, Dianna Thompson of ACFC joined us, Harry Crouch and Stanly Green of Stop Abuse For Everyone, and Patricia Overberg, the former director of the Valley Oasis shelter in Lancaster, known for having helped male victims and for being abused by the other shelters. Overberg's sworn declaration on our website says not only that men had to travel hundreds of miles for shelter because the other shelters didn't want to help men, but that the other shelters, especially RAINBOW, HAVEN HILLS AND HOUSE OF RUTH, abused her for making space for male victims. Her declaration is at the following link: [Overberg](#). We are looking into suing these and other shelters for denying male victims any help for so long.

POLICE OFFICERS

During the rally, several police officers told us their upper ranks are bullied by feminist groups (operating on VAWA funding) who in turn create policies that pressure officers to arrest men in domestic violence situations even when they know the man was not the perpetrator. They also said that feminist groups have pressured the upper ranks so much that now there is a policy such that if any wife/girlfriend of an officer tells the department that the officer hit them, that officer's career will almost certainly be hurt or destroyed as a result. This may do a good thing in some situations but it is totally unfair to the innocent ones. The officers said it makes them very vulnerable to having their careers destroyed by a vindictive partner and that any time they have tension or marital breakdown or divorce they are scared because their partners know the policy and even dangle it in front of them as a control mechanism. They said there have even been secret police support groups to discuss the problem. We will look further into this.

JOHN AND KEN SHOW

As a result of the rally, I was interviewed the next night (11/20/02) at 6pm for a half hour on the John and Ken show on KFI, which is a #1 rated station in Los Angeles. That went very well also. I emphasized the issue of how government-sponsored propaganda is being used to spread false feminist statistics from the federal government down to counties and cities, including L.A., and how the VAWA is using government funds to promote policies that vilify men and encourage the arrests of innocent men. They mentioned NCFM over and over, gave our website twice, and were supportive for the most part. I also spoke on the radio about what the police officers told us. As a result, we have received several messages from police officers on our [guestbook](#).

LAWSUIT

The lawsuit against L.A. County is in the discovery phase. We requested documents and other info from the County. They are very late in submitting the documents. That means any objection they could make to the requests are waived. We also think they might be scared of disclosing something. There's a lot of messy politics involved in the DV Council, for instance. Anyhow we'll file a motion to compel soon. The County also postponed the deposition of the president of the Commission for Women because their attorney said he had a car accident. We should have that going shortly. If nothing else, we are certainly getting the issues out around here. And we're

getting tons of hits, visits and pdf downloads on our website. In fact we have made over 5000 impressions in the last month alone. We'll keep you informed of future developments.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!