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THE COALITION FOR WOMEN'S SAFETY & EMPOWERMENT

A PROMISE TO PROTECT!

At 7PM on Wednesday, August 15, 2007, leaders from 12 organizations of multiple disciplines will meet over dinner in Beverly Hills to discuss women's safety and empowerment. Led by **SHIELD Women's Self Defense**, the meeting will connect leaders from various organizations to join forces in promoting women's safety and empowerment.

The meeting will also introduce the presence of **PAVE: Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment** in Los Angeles. Angela Rose, founder of PAVE, will fly in from Chicago to meet with women leaders in LA. Marc Kaplan, Executive in Charge of Production for **America's Most Wanted TV Show** will fly in from Washington, DC.

"Violence against women is silently happening at epidemic level. The media and our justice system are not prepared to combat this issue, and MOST are not willing to talk about it. We need personal commitments and declarations from leaders of various organizations to work together across organizational boundaries, political motives or personal agendas. We put women's safety first!" – Nelson Nio

Confirmed attendees:

1. Nelson Nio – Founder, **SHIELD Women's Self Defense** (www.shieldselfdefense.com) and Founder, **Coalition for Women's Safety & Empowerment**
2. Angela Rose – Founder & Executive Director, **PAVE: Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment** (www.pavingtheway.net)
3. Angela Shelton – Activist, filmmaker, actress (www.angelashelton.com)
4. Charlotte Lesser – President, **LA County Commission for Women**
5. Olivia Rodriguez – Executive Director, **LA County Domestic Violence Council**
6. Sharon Papa – Assistant Chief, **LAPD** (www.lapdonline.org/search_results/comm_bio_view/7652)
7. Patti Giggans – Executive Director, **Peace Over Violence** (www.peaceoverviolence.org)
8. Dr. Kathie Mathis – Director of Domestic Violence, **YWCA Glendale** (www.glenadaleywca.org)
9. Marc Kaplan – Executive in Charge of Production, **America's Most Wanted TV Show** (www.amw.com)
10. Ellen Snortland – Author "**Beauty Bites Beast**" (www.snortland.com) and Cofounder of **50/50 Leadership**
11. Pauline Field – Cofounder, **50/50 Leadership** (www.fiftyfifty.us)
12. Jennifer Landau – President, **Women Lawyers Association of LA** (www.wlala.org)
13. Laurel Page – Mother of Tory Bowen (victim of the recent rape case; judge banned the word RAPE)
14. Dennis Bowen – Father of Tory Bowen (victim of the recent rape case; judge banned the word RAPE)

One mission, one purpose, one goal. It is a serious commitment and a promise to PROTECT!

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