



**MARCH FOR JUSTICE
SPONSORED BY:
WEST METRO NAACP
(COMPRISED OF DOUGLAS AND PAULDING COUNTIES)**



FROM:

Douglas County High School (Campbellton Street)

TO:

Douglas County Courthouse (Hospital Drive) (1.5 miles)

DATE

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2007

TIME

10:00 AM – 12:30

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CALL:

678 318-3483

***ADVOCATING FOR JUSTICE! ADVOCATING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE!
ADVOCATING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS! ADVOCATING FOR THE VOICELESS!***

***BE A PART OF HISTORY! STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT FOR CHANGE!
FIRST MARCH IN DOUGLAS FOR JUSTICE!***

~Turn page over to read the reasons WHY we are Marching~

WHY WEST METRO NAACP IS MARCHING FOR JUSTICE ON SAT, JULY 14, 07?

PURPOSE/REASON:

The demographics have changed in Douglas County (*44.5% Minorities in the Douglas County School System as opposed to 44.3% Caucasians in the school system*). In order for the powers-to-be to stay in leadership, there is a concerted effort to prevent leadership from changing anytime soon. Instead of engaging the adult population they are targeting *youth*. This plan is being implemented by the following complaints and occurrences:

- Racial profiling of minorities,
- Police Brutality
- No minority Judges and no minority visiting Judges
- No minorities in the District Attorney's office or Solicitor's office in a Professional or Administrative capacity
- Denial of bond and/or high bonds are set which prevent inmate releases and suffice the building of a new jail,
- Inadequate representation from the Public Defender Office for indigent defenders (*Douglas County opted out of the Georgia Public Defenders Standards*, there is no oversight),
- Picture taking of visitors/ID scan before visiting an inmate (*ONLY in Douglas County*) and then arrest the visitor,
- Selector prosecution by the Prosecutor, while other ethnic groups receive probation and first time offender status, minorities receive long term prison sentences (10 years for any charge – *Genarlow Wilson case (child molestation charges on teenagers in Douglas County)*),
- Banning African-Americans out of *Douglas County* once they have been sentenced by the Judge,
- Patterns of youth arrest in the school system
- Patterns of youth accused of gang activities (Enforced under the Georgia Gang Law 2006)
- Increase of minority expulsion in the school system
- Increase of minorities in alternative school
- A recent Youth Escort Policy was implemented March 24, 2007, by (*Douglas County Arbor Place Mall*). This policy states that youth shoppers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on Fridays and Saturdays between the hours of 6 to close, (youth can attend the movie theater but, not walk across to the food court to purchase food). The Arbor Place Mall has adopted the school system dress code – no urban wear, yet the mall sales urban wear. There is a large presence of mall security, Douglas County Police & Sheriff Department Officers on these nights. Although this is a private owned company, these services are open to the public, the NAACP is not in agreement or disagreement with this policy, however, we want to ensure that all citizens are made aware of this policy and that all youth will be treated equally in *Douglas County*.

GOAL:

Therefore, we are protesting some of the above issues by speaking out about these injustices. This is a peaceful march and we are hoping to accomplish the following goals, "Save our Youth and Reclaim our Communities" by; encouraging **ALL** residents to become active members of an organization, form a coalition of people seeking justice where there is an injustice, seek equality where there is inequality, increase registered voters and encourage voter participation, increase minority hiring in the school system, increase students graduating in the education system and decrease minorities going into the prison system. These issues affect all of us across the color line, therefore, **WE NEED A MASS RALLY OF PEOPLE TO SHOW UP and SUPPORT THIS MARCH FOR JUSTICE!**

WE NEED PARTICIPANTS & VOLUNTEERS TO HELP MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS, IT MAY BE SOMEONE ELSE CHILD NOW, BUT IT CAN VERY WELL BE YOUR CHILD NEXT!

CONTACT: CLAY MITCHELL OR DARYL GRAHAM AT 678 318-3483!