

Below is a statement issued by Orange County Todd Spitzer on Feb. 23, 2022 to Voice of OC in response to [a legal claim by former high-ranking prosecutor Tracy Miller](#).

Miller alleged Spitzer made race-based decisions, jeopardized a mass shooting case and belittled sexual harassment victims in his office who came forward against a friend he had promoted.

Here is Spitzer's statement:

“The record is clear. When I became District Attorney in 2019, I kept both Ebrahim Baytieh and Tracy Miller as at-will employees held over from the Rackauckas administration in an effort to maintain stability and unite the office moving forward. It is blatantly obvious that going into my re-election that both Baytieh and Miller coordinated efforts to embarrass me and deter me from my efforts to reverse the “win at all costs” mentality which involved violating the constitutional rights of defendants by cheating and failing to discover evidence to the defense.

Ms. Miller’s claims are false and based on statements she claims she heard that were made in front of large groups of people, including the Director of Administrative Services, who oversees Human Relations, a Chief Assistant District Attorney, a Special Assistant Attorney, the Chief and Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Investigation, two other Senior Assistant District Attorneys and the Public Information Officer. It is inconceivable that no one among the highest level of management said anything for years.

These two managers were indoctrinated by a 20-year prior administration that taught you how to cheat, seek revenge, and eviscerate your enemies. Despite good faith efforts it was impossible to change their entrenched attitudes and behavior.

This is no coincidence and the motive is clear. The Ebrahim Baytieh false memo leaked from the Buggs Special Circumstances Meeting in a failed attempt to extort me from firing Baytieh for prosecutorial misconduct and Miller’s pile-on accusations lined up perfectly with the filing deadline for District Attorney re-election just two weeks away.

Nothing will deter me from continuing my mission to clean up the public corruption in the Orange County District Attorney’s Office and safeguard the criminal justice system. I have been fully cooperating with the United States Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division and have repeatedly offered to have the DOJ monitor the activities of the Orange County District Attorney’s Office. Investigators at the DOJ interviewed Baytieh at length about his role in failing to produce evidence in a murder case from 2010, a failure that forced me to retry to the case and put the victims through another trial.

I have and will continue the pursuit of justice regardless of any efforts to derail that mission.”