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Statement of Gloria Allred regarding USC and Dr. George Tyndall

I commend the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights for its thorough 1 ½ year investigation of whether USC had prior notice of allegations made by female students of sexual harassment by Dr. Tyndall, whether USC failed to respond promptly and effectively once they received notice of the harassment, and finally whether the University's failure to respond promptly to student complaints of sexual harassment allowed any female students to be subjected to continuing sex discrimination.

I am shocked but not surprised that the U.S. Department of Education has found that USC violated TITLE IX and found that the University failed to investigate complaints of sexual harassment made by a number of female students against Dr. Tyndall and that this failure may have allowed female students to be subjected to continuing sex discrimination.

The Office of Civil Rights Report also validates our long held belief that the \$215 million dollar settlement in the federal class action lawsuit was a measly amount. OCR found that chaperones had complained about Dr. Tyndall's

behavior beginning in the 1990 to the early 2000's, yet USC intentionally obfuscated the facts and failed to protect the students for decades thereafter.

The government's findings are consistent with the claims of the 70 clients my law firm represents and are also consistent with the claims of the hundreds of other women who were victims of Dr. Tyndall and USC.

USC should be ashamed at: (1) how it behaved for several decades; (2) how it failed to protect its students; (3) how it has attempted to cover up Dr. Tyndall's behavior by not providing the documents requested by the Office of Civil Rights; and, (4) by continuing to deny any wrongdoing to the hundreds of victims who are pursuing their legal claims. This conduct by USC has caused hundreds of innocent female victims to suffer severe emotional, psychological distress and physical injuries.

USC students and their parents trusted USC and their trust was betrayed as is clearly evidenced in the recitation of the findings of the U.S. Department of Education.

Link to the Findings letter and Resolution agreement - <https://change.usc.edu/ocr-2020/>

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