

## Official Campaign Statement from the Friends of Rochelle Bilal – February 5, 2024

After review, it has been determined that an outside consultant for the re-election campaign utilized ChatGPT in support of initiatives that were in-fact completed by the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office under the Administration of Sheriff Rochelle Bilal. It is now clear that the artificial intelligence service generated fake news articles to support the initiatives that were part of the AI prompt. Our campaign provided the outside consultant talking points which were then provided to the AI service.

For the record, Sheriff Rochelle Bilal has been the subject of many positive media articles over the past four years, including being featured in a [Hometown Heroes segment by a local media affiliate – WPVI - 6ABC](#). Here is a similar story about Sheriff Rochelle Bilal on [WTFX – FOX 29 related to the historic significance in this role](#). Unfortunately, ChatGPT did not provide a link to this and many other powerful stories of Sheriff Bilal's impact on the community. Many researchers including [Macquarie University](#) have written about ChatGPT creating non-existent sources.

Sheriff Rochelle Bilal continues to stand on integrity and thus the campaign has done the following: We have taken down the 'record of accomplishments' campaign page on the website. To be clear, everything listed on the website other than the specific news reference are accurate.

Another point of mention, the Philadelphia Inquirer has been on an unrelenting campaign to produce negative stories about Sheriff Rochelle Bilal and question her integrity. Now they are making it personal. Every report they have made has been refuted by the official website for the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office on [phillysheriff.com](#).

There are serious questions about the motives of the 'investigative reporters' for the Philadelphia Inquirer. Their concerns about conflicts of interest are unfounded while they fail to inform readers about their own conflicts. For example, The Philadelphia Sheriff's Office has cut \$4+ millions of dollars in advertising that was previously paid to The Philadelphia Inquirer to promote sheriff sales in accordance with state law. However, that fact is never mentioned in reporting by The Philadelphia Inquirer which raises concerns.

Here are a few links to the following stories that the Philadelphia Sheriff Office has either refuted or responded to in these matters:

1. [Philadelphia Inquirer Reporter, William Bender, Provides Inaccurate and Misleading Article, Once Again, Against the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office Days Before the General Election](#)
2. [Philadelphia Sheriff's Office – Response To The Philadelphia Inquirer False Allegations Of Budget Funding](#)
3. [In The Bilal Administration, We Have Not Lost Or Misplaced Any Weapons.](#)

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