



## **Polish American Congress of Southern California**

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### **Re: PAC of So. Cal. Membership**

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Dear PAC Members and PAC Friends:

The world is going through a period of swift and sweeping changes. The geopolitical and the internal, socio-political situation of the U.S. and Poland remain highly volatile and unpredictable. I hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy in these highly unusual and trying times.

Regardless of future developments, we need to sustain and nourish the common good and general welfare of the Polish American community. Our collective success depends on community support.

Polish American Congress of Southern California is here to articulate and defend the community interests and to promote the good name of Poland, which comes recently increasingly under attack.

We try to educate elected officials and make them more responsive to our concerns. Unfortunately, many of them still have very little understanding of the issues and matters critical to the Polish American community. We strive to increase the political influence of the Polish American community.

The years 2019 and 2020 have brought significant challenges to our community. One of the most important has been the passage of Act H.R. 943, Never Again Education Act. The Act will compel far-reaching changes in the U.S. educational system. Such changes will be detrimental to our interests, and they will negatively affect perceptions of Polish Americans and Poles. The goal of the Act is a complete rewrite of World War II history and the introduction of a new, unified, Holocaust-centric curriculum in all 50 states. Predictably, the new curriculum will add to the existing bias and solidify the image of Poles and Poland as Nazi collaborators.

We need to counteract the growing anti-Polish bias in American media and politics. Polish American Congress of Southern California continues to respond to such challenges, not only in the media but also on Capitol Hill, at the White House, and the State Department.

Let's not also forget about the unfinished business, the Act S.447. The Act remains in force validating the extralegal compensation schemes lobbed against Poland by the Jewish property restitution organizations, comprising a small but tremendously influential segment of the Jewish-American community of the United States.

The protests against Act S.447, which took place: in Los Angeles and Washington in March and May of 2019, Polish American Capitol Hill Outreach in September 2019, and the International Historical Conference “Poland First to Fight” in November 2019 were the four most significant engagements co-organized by our organization last year. The links to the conference presentations will soon be available on our website at [www.pacsocal.org](http://www.pacsocal.org). Please visit our brand new website, which shall be ready by the end of July 2020.

The Polish American Congress of Southern California election is scheduled to take place on September 20, 2020 annual meeting. If you are interested in becoming an officer of the PAC of Southern California or becoming a member of our Board of Directors, please contact Natalia Kaminski at [natkam4@yahoo.com](mailto:natkam4@yahoo.com).

We need to fill the following positions in 2020: President, VP Polish Affairs, VP Public Relations, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary.

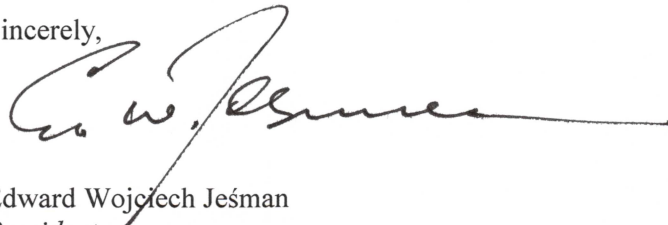
At the last annual meeting, we voted to change the way we pay our PAC membership dues. Please refer to the explanation insert.

Enclosed, please find a 2020 PAC membership renewal form. Please fill it out, including your organizational membership, if any, and mail it back to us, with your membership fee, in the enclosed return envelope by August 20, 2020. We would be most grateful if you could include an additional contribution with your membership to help our lobbying and educational projects.

We welcome your participation in all PAC of So California activities. Your input is always valued and much appreciated. Please attend our meetings and learn about upcoming projects.

If you have any questions about the Polish American Congress of Southern California, and our activities, please do not hesitate to contact us. I can be reached by phone at 310-291-2681 or by email at [president@pacsocal.org](mailto:president@pacsocal.org). We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your continued support of the PAC of Southern California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Wojciech Jeśman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Edward Wojciech Jeśman  
*President*