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Dear PAC of So. CA members and friends:

In November 2018 we will celebrate the Centennial Year of Poland regaining its independence. We hope this important year brings great things to you and the Polish community.

This letter serves as a reminder to renew or become a new member of Polish American Congress of So. CA. (Enclosed is an application/renewal form, please complete and return by April 30, 2018).

Enclosed are several accomplishments for year 2017/18.

- The PAC of So. CA is working to defend Poland's good name in face of unprovoked attacks. Please see the website www.stopacthr1226.org created by the So. CA Chapter of the PAC.
- The PAC of So. CA continues to write letters and express their concern regarding H.R.1226 to our California Representatives.
- Our website (pacsocal.org) continues to improve. Please take time to go online and review this site and offer suggestions so we can make it even more relevant.
- Last May PAC of So. CA honored a senior at Northridge Academy High School for presenting a project on the topic of Irena Sendler. Congress is encouraging our youth to do more to promote important stories about Polish history and culture.

The PAC of So. CA would like to thank those who wrote letters against H.R.1226 to our California Representatives and encourage your continued commitment to defeating this bill. And finally, we look forward to your attendance at our annual meeting on Sunday June 24th at 2 p.m. at the Szarotka, 3400 W. Adams Blvd. Los Angeles 90018. We hope you plan to participate in our other general meetings as well. Please see our website for the dates, times and locations of future meetings. If you have any questions please contact the officers listed on this letterhead or go to our website: - pacsocal.org.

Sincerely,

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POLAND'S CENTENNIAL

The PAC of So. CA is playing an integral role in planning events commemorating the one hundredth anniversary (November 2018) of Poland's regaining its independence.

We welcome your involvement in making these events successful and increasing public awareness of our historic milestone. For further information please contact Richard Widerynski (events chair) tel. 562/426-9830 or e-mail richwiderynski@gmail.com.

The Centennial Events Calendar is beginning to take shape. Please mark your calendars:

May 3rd, Santa Monica Promenade - an outdoor poster exhibit featuring Poland and its dynamic growth in the past hundred years despite having to face formidable challenges.

July 4th 'Paso Pops' Concert & Fireworks a Paderewski Festival Event in Paso Robles, Ca,
Website: paderewskifest.com

July 31st, an event at the star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame to acknowledge world renowned Polish pianist and statesman Ignacy Paderewski and the role he played in helping Poland regaining its independence.

September 15th and 16th Dozynk (Fall Harvest Festival) at John Paul II Center in Yorba Linda Ca

October 14th Paderewski Lecture-Recital: Sounds of Independence -Polish Music Center (PMC) at USC Newman Hall. Website: pmc.usc.edu

October 17th – 25th Polish Film Festival. In addition, plans for a special Centennial Films Fest
Website: www..polishfilmla.org

October (?), an exhibit of Polish art at the Bergamot Station art gallery in Santa Monica. Date and time to be determined.

November 1st – 4th - Paderewski Festival, Paso Robles, CA. This gala meld world class music with world class wine in the town that Paderewski called his home for many years of his life.
Website: paderewskifest.com

November 5th – Coburn School, Zipper Auditorium, downtown Los Angeles – a gala concert featuring 2015 Chopin Piano Competition winner Ms. Kate Liu.

November 10th, 5 p.m. - celebratory mass event at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, downtown LA.

There are hopes that there will be other events scheduled depending on the response and support.

In addition to annual membership dues, the PAC of So. CA is seeking to raise funds to help offset the costs of cultural events pertaining to our Polish Centennial. For further information please contact Rich Widerynski tel. 562/426-9830 or richwiderynski@gmail.com. Your tax-deductible gifts will enable us to share our Polish history and culture with the So. CA public. Please forward your check to Polish American Charities of So. CA., 3400 West Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018. Individuals donating \$2000.00 or more will be provided with 2 VIP seating at select venues.