



## Polish American Congress of Southern California

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Re: Your PAC Membership

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Dear PAC Members and PAC Friends:

I would like to extend my best wishes for a healthy and successful 2019! The new calendar year also means that it is time to renew your Polish American Congress of Southern California membership or join our organization, if you are still not a member. Our common success depends on your engagement in the local and national causes important to the Polish American community and your willingness to volunteer and donate your time, energy and money. We are counting on your engagement, your ideas and your generous financial support.

The year 2018 brought significant challenges to our community, the most important of which was the passage of Act S.447 and the \$300 Billion extralegal compensation demands lobbed against Poland by the Jewish property restitution lobby.

The PAC of Southern California is at the forefront of the fight against the political ramifications of Act S.447. In 2019, we will continue to respond to the challenges posed by the ever-expanding anti-Polish congressional agenda, as well as intensifying media assaults against Poland, both of which are driven by a small but very politically influential segment of the Jewish American community in the United States.

We are hoping to be at the forefront of the Polish-American political revival in the United States, which will counteract the growing dangers posed by widespread anti-Polish bias prevalent in media and politics. We want to ensure that Polish-American voices are heard again on Capitol Hill, and at the State Department and White House. It is no less than our generational duty to represent and defend Polish interests in Washington D.C. In 1944, Charles Rozmarek, the first elected president of the Polish American Congress, said: "The defense of Poland is today our most sacred and most important duty. It depends on us whether this defense will be only a patriotic cliché or a real defense, the one for which American Polonia will not have to be ashamed in the future". His words sound now as true as then.

The PAC of Southern California has been busy. I hope that you were able to attend and enjoy many of the Poland Reborn Centennial events that happened in and around our area during the last year.

The following is a short list of our upcoming 2019 events and projects:

- Washington D.C. educational and political outreach
- Anniversaries: a) Polish American Congress - 75<sup>th</sup>, b) Outbreak of World War II - 80<sup>th</sup>, c) Ignacy Jan Paderewski becoming Prime Minister of Poland - 100<sup>th</sup> d) Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth - 450<sup>th</sup>.
- Continuing efforts to get the California Department of Education to introduce Polish related materials into their recommended California Reading List.
- 2019 Polonia Awards

Enclosed please find a renewal notice for your 2019 PAC membership. If you are able to include an additional contribution with your membership to help with our projects, we would be most grateful. 80% of the membership dues are passed on to the National office, so in order to function our division relies heavily on supplemental contributions, fundraising and the work of volunteers. To contribute, please make your additional check payable to Polish American Charities of Southern California

I would like to direct your attention to one of the inserts, which deals with a proposed change in our bylaws introducing an additional membership class. Please take a look and consider the change, which will be voted on during our annual meeting on Sunday, June 30, 2019. (Save the date!)

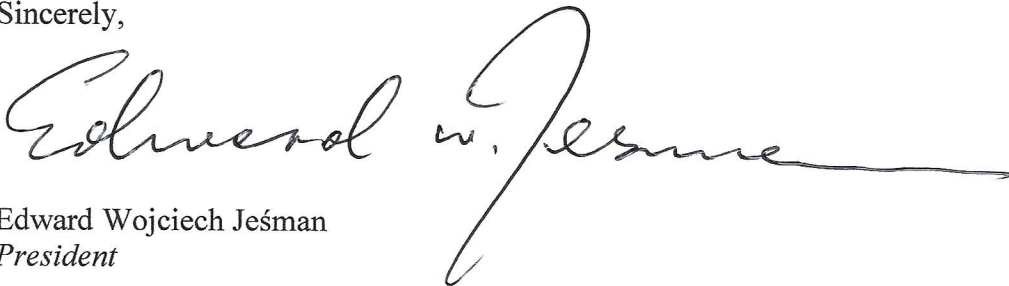
We invite you to attend our meetings to learn about our projects and to see how you could become involved in PAC activities. Your input is valued, needed and greatly appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your continued support.

Finally, please fill out your membership form, including your organizational membership, if any, and mail it back by March 22, 2019 with your fee in the enclosed return envelope.

If you have any questions about the Polish American Congress of Southern California, our projects, upcoming lectures and meetings, 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).

Looking forward to a great year.

Sincerely,



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