



THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Dear Esteemed President, Board Members and Friends of the American Hellenic Council,

On behalf of the Government of the Hellenic Republic and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, it is my distinct privilege and great honor to extend my warmest greetings and deepest congratulations to the American Hellenic Council of Southern California as you gather for your April 18, 2026 Annual Gala.

Since its founding in 1974, the American Hellenic Council has embodied the finest traditions of Hellenism, championing the values of peace, stability, democracy, and human rights with unwavering dedication. Your consistent political activism, your dedication to promoting regional stability within the Eastern Mediterranean, Aegean, Greece, and Cyprus, and your efforts to uphold international law and the sovereign rights of Greece and Cyprus are recognized and deeply valued.

By fostering awareness, building alliances, and influencing key decision-makers, the American Hellenic Council has contributed significantly to strengthening the bonds between the Greek-American community and the homeland. Your work has strengthened the bridge between our two nations, and has elevated the call for justice, sovereignty, and adherence to international law onto the world stage. Your continued efforts to defend and promote the Hellenic ideals of democracy, rule of law, and human dignity are a profound source of pride and inspiration for all Hellenes. As we face ever-evolving challenges in our region, your role is more vital than ever.

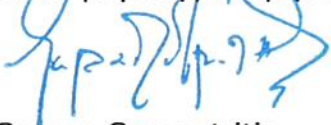
Your activism, leadership, and commitment to service remind us that through unity and perseverance, we secure not only our national interests but a brighter future for generations to come. The Hellenic Republic stands in steadfast partnership with you, deeply grateful for your enduring contributions and resolute in our shared purpose.

I would also like to extend heartfelt congratulations to this year's honorees, Andreas Kyprianides, Honorary Consul General of Cyprus in Los Angeles, co-founder of AHC and Mrs. Mika Kyprianides

and Congressman Darrell Issa, Vice Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Senior Member of the House Judiciary Committee in recognition of their remarkable contributions to Greece and the Greek Diaspora in the United States. Their tireless dedication to Hellenic ideals continues to inspire and uplift our global community.

On this momentous occasion, please accept my heartfelt admiration and enduring best wishes for your continued success. May the American Hellenic Council's luminous example continue to guide our common journey toward peace, justice, and Hellenic excellence.

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