

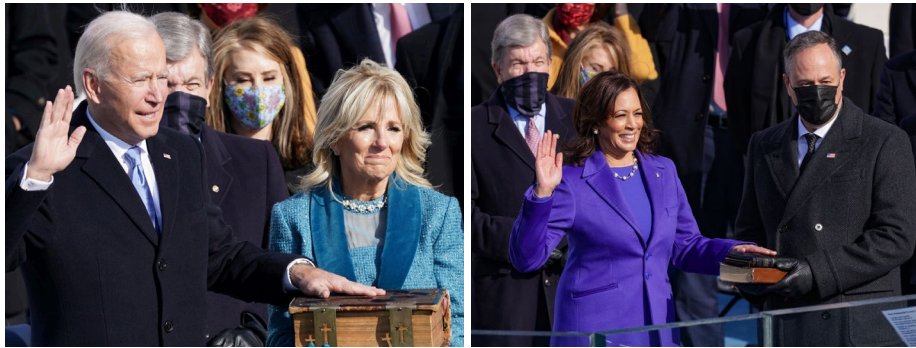


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As in all previous election cycles, UCCA sent congratulatory letters to our elected federal officials following the 2020 elections.

On November 16th, UCCA congratulated Joe Biden on his election as the 46th President of the United States, and Kamala Harris as the first female Vice President in American history.

UCCA's letter read in part, "...the Ukrainian American community looks toward your stewardship to fortify relations between the United States and Ukraine and to reinforce international principles of territorial integrity and sovereignty, especially as Ukraine defends its independence against a foreign aggressor..."



UCCA looks forward to working with President Biden and his administration, as well as with the new Congress, on the foreign and domestic policy issues/priorities that concern our Ukrainian American community.

UCCA SUBMITS TESTIMONY



UCCA also submitted testimony to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations regarding the nomination of Antony Blinken as the next Secretary of State. The nomination hearing was held on Tuesday, January 19th. Following his confirmation by the full Senate on January 26, UCCA imitated the process of requesting to meet with the new State Department officials to discuss U.S.-Ukraine relations.

#SUPPORTUKRAINE ADVOCACY CONTINUES...

As a new Congress and Administration are set to begin their work in Washington, D.C., the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) - the Washington, D.C.-based public affairs bureau of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America - is continuing its digital #SupportUkraine advocacy program.



UNIS will distribute the UCCA's "U.S. Relations with Ukraine - Policy Recommendations" to Members of Congress and the incoming Administration.

Additional measures call for coordinating digital meetings (via ZOOM) between communities and their elected officials to discuss the proposals enumerated in the policy recommendations.

Stay tuned for further details...

UCCA THANKFUL FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

UCCA would like to acknowledge the generous donations received in response to our 2020 End of Year Appeal to support the work of UCCA.*

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UCCA would also like to thank all those that donated through our UCCA Facebook Page, AmazonSmile and through Network for Good.

**donations received as of January 20, 2021.*

IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARIES IN 2021

UCCA would like to inform our Branches, members and the greater Ukrainian American community that during 2021, there are several important anniversaries to mark, including:

February 25 – 150th anniversary of Lesia Ukrainka's birth

April 26 – 35th anniversary of the Tragedy at Chernobyl

June 28 – 25th anniversary of the adoption and ratification of the Constitution of Ukraine

June 30 – 80th anniversary of the Act of Restoration of the Ukrainian State

August 24 – 30th anniversary of the Independence of Ukraine

September 11 – 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks

September 29 – 80th anniversary of the Massacre at Babyn Yar

December 1 – 30th anniversary of the National Referendum on Ukrainian Independence

Also in 2021, the Ukrainian American Youth Association will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the restoration of CYM in the Diaspora.

JANUARY 22ND... AN IMPORTANT DATE TO COMMEMORATE

During Soviet times, our community marked January 22nd as Ukrainian Independence day, when the Ukrainian People's Republic declared independence in 1918 and Ukrainian lands were united in 1919. UCCA continues to commemorate this important date in Ukraine's history.

UCCA Philadelphia Branch (in partnership with the Embassy of Ukraine in the USA) has recorded a program that commemorates this historic anniversary and pays tribute to her heroes. The program will be available on January 22nd - <https://youtu.be/2VFLQxWPhZY>

UCCA's Illinois Division also recorded a virtual program on January 24th featuring Ukrainian World Congress President Paul Grod and former Member of Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) Hanna Hopko - <https://youtu.be/x-Xlcb7Xqv8>