

October 9, 2020

Dear Mayor Majchrowski, Chairman Jaśkowiec, Senator Bogdan Klich and Members of the Krakow City Council:

We were deeply moved to learn that the City of Krakow decided to name one of its beautiful garden squares after Zbigniew Brzezinski. Looking down upon the city he must be honored and touched by this decision.

Even as an immigrant to and citizen of the United States, Poland was always front and center in his heart, his intellectual work, and his role as a United States policy maker. Whether it was working to help the nations of Central Europe win back their freedom from Soviet occupation or advancing their accession to NATO and the European Union or deepening their ties to the United States, Poland was always a driving focus of his endeavors.

He truly loved Krakow and was impressed by its special role in Poland's history, including its most demanding struggles. He loved its squares, soaring Cathedral, its fortifications, and its rich academic heritage. He always appreciated the hospitality and warmth offered to him by Krakow. He treasured the honorary citizenship the city bestowed upon him and the *doctor honoris causa* granted to him by Jagiellonian University.

We also believe he must be smiling to see in close proximity to this garden square the square honoring Jan Nowak-Jezioranski and the monument honoring Ryszard Kuklinski. These are, of course, two heroes of Poland, two heroes of freedom, but they were also close friends of Zbigniew Brzezinski. Their joint efforts to help Poland reacquire its sovereignty, freedom and rightful place in the democratic community of nations stand among the achievements he was most proud.

We are grateful to the City Council of Krakow and Senator Bogdan Klich for supporting and promulgating the dedication of this park. Zbigniew Brzezinski valued his countless discussions with Senator Klich on Poland and transatlantic relations and above all their long friendship. We are grateful for Bogdan's inspiration and commitment which launched this honor.

We hope that those who visit this square will not only pause to enjoy its beauty but will also consider the advice Zbigniew Brzezinski shared with us and his students: that everyone should have "a cause that is greater than oneself." It was a refrain that defined his life as a professor and as a public servant. We hope this park will not only memorialize Zbigniew

Brzezinski and his life's endeavors but also inspire those who walk through it to contribute to the greater good of their fellow beings.

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