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CONSENT FORM

Hello! You are invited to participate in our survey, PALCUS INDEX – NATIONAL COMMUNITY SURVEY.

This survey is conducted by the Portuguese American Leadership Council of the United States (PALCUS), so that we can gain a better understanding of our Portuguese American communities. In this survey, people who reside in the United States and are Portuguese or of Portuguese descent are asked to complete a questionnaire that asks about their demographic and socioeconomic characteristics as well as their community concerns.

It will take approximately 15 minutes to complete the questionnaire. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. There are no foreseeable risks associated with this project. However, if you feel uncomfortable answering any question, you may skip that question, or withdraw from the survey at any point.

It is very important for us to learn your opinions. Your survey responses will be strictly confidential and data from this research will be reported only in the aggregate.

If you have questions at any time about the survey or the procedures, you may contact PALCUS president, Angela Simoes at 202-466-4664 or by email at palcus@palcus.org.

Thank you very much for your time and support. If you have read and understand the above statements, and wish to participate in the survey, please continue to fill out the survey in the following pages.

Please sign below to indicate that you are willing to participate in this survey.

Name of Interviewer

Signature

Date

Name of Participant

Signature

Date

1. Where were you born?

- ☐ United States
- ☐ Portugal (Continent)
- ☐ Portugal (Azores)
- ☐ Portugal (Madeira)
- ☐ Former Portuguese territories
- ☐ Canada
- ☐ Brazil
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

2. If known, approximately how old were you when you came to the United States? _____

3. Which generation of your family moved to the United States? (If different generations on different sides of your family, please specify below)

- ☐ My generation / Me
- ☐ My parents
- ☐ My grandparents
- ☐ My great grandparents
- ☐ My great-great-grandparents
- ☐ Unknown
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

4. In which state or US territory do you currently live?

<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama	<input type="checkbox"/> Alaska
<input type="checkbox"/> Arizona	<input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas
<input type="checkbox"/> California	<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado
<input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut	<input type="checkbox"/> Delaware
<input type="checkbox"/> Florida	<input type="checkbox"/> Georgia
<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii	<input type="checkbox"/> Idaho
<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois	<input type="checkbox"/> Indiana
<input type="checkbox"/> Iowa	<input type="checkbox"/> Kansas
<input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky	<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana
<input type="checkbox"/> Maine	<input type="checkbox"/> Maryland
<input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts	<input type="checkbox"/> Michigan
<input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota	<input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi
<input type="checkbox"/> Missouri	<input type="checkbox"/> Montana
<input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska	<input type="checkbox"/> Nevada
<input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire	<input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey
<input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/> New York
<input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina	<input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota
<input type="checkbox"/> Ohio	<input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma
<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon	<input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania
<input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island	<input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina
<input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee

<input type="checkbox"/> Texas	<input type="checkbox"/> Utah
<input type="checkbox"/> Vermont	<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia
<input type="checkbox"/> Washington	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington, D.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin
<input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming	<input type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia (DC)
<input type="checkbox"/> Guam	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mariana Islands
<input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico	<input type="checkbox"/> Virgin Islands
Other (please specify):	

5. In which city or town do you currently live? (If you would rather not answer this question, you may skip it)

6. What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

7. Which category below includes your age?

- ☐ Less than 18 years
- ☐ 18-24 years
- ☐ 25-34 years
- ☐ 35-44 years
- ☐ 45-54 years
- ☐ 55-64 years
- ☐ 65-74 years
- ☐ 75 years or more
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

8. Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married?

- ☐ Single, never married (if you selected Single, never married skip to question 10)
- ☐ Married or domestic partnership
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Separated
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

9. Is/was your spouse/domestic partner either Portuguese or of Portuguese descent?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

10. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? If currently enrolled, highest degree received.

- ☐ No schooling completed
- ☐ Nursery school to 8th grade
- ☐ Some high school, no diploma
- ☐ High school graduate, diploma or the equivalent (for example: GED)
- ☐ Some college credit, no degree
- ☐ Trade/technical/vocational training
- ☐ Associate degree
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Master's degree
- ☐ Professional degree (e.g. MD, DDS, DVM)
- ☐ Doctorate degree
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

11. What is your current employment status? Are you currently...

- ☐ Employed for wages
- ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ Out of work and looking for work
- ☐ Out of work and not looking for work
- ☐ Homemaker
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Unable to work
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

12. What best describes the type of organization you are involved in or work for (or last worked for)?

- ☐ Own a business or a farm
(If you chose this answer, please answer questions 13 and 14. If you chose any other category, please skip to question 15)
- ☐ For-profit business owned by someone else (private sector)
- ☐ Non-profit (religious, arts, social assistance, community organization, etc.)
- ☐ Government
- ☐ Health care
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

13. What is the area of activity of your business? _____

14. Including yourself, how many employees does your business have? _____

15. Please indicate on the list below your primary occupation is/was:

<input type="checkbox"/> Architects, Surveyors, Cartographers, Engineers and Related Technicians	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Specialists: computer and information scientists, programmers, software specialists, database and network administrators and analysts
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Operations, Management, and Financial Specialists: top executives, marketing, public relations, human resources, health administrators, educational administrators, purchasing, insurance claims adjusters/examiners, human resources, labor relations, etc.; accountants, assessors, appraisers, loan counselor, credit analysts, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Office and Administration: clerical and support personnel, clerks, tellers, distribution workers
<input type="checkbox"/> Education: college and university professors, scientists, vocational teachers, teaching and research assistants, teacher in early childhood, elementary, middle, secondary school, special education, and others.	<input type="checkbox"/> Library and Museum Occupations
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal: attorneys, judges, legal support workers, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Health: medical doctors, veterinarians, dentistry, podiatrist, chiropractor, registered nurses, therapists, pharmacists, dieticians, technicians/assistants/aides, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Design Workers	<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainers, Performers, Sports and Related Workers
<input type="checkbox"/> Media and Communication Workers	<input type="checkbox"/> Community and Social Services: counselors, social workers, community and religious workers, probation officers, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction and Extraction: carpenters, electricians, painters, construction, oil, and mining workers, plumbers, road workers	<input type="checkbox"/> Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance: landscaping and groundskeeping laborers
<input type="checkbox"/> Farming, Dairy, and Forestry: farmworkers, animal care workers, foresters, loggers	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Factory Worker: assembler and other types of production worker	<input type="checkbox"/> Installation, Maintenance, and Repair: appliance repair, auto repair, telecommunications installers
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Material Moving: truck drivers, motorists, cab drivers, pilots, air traffic controllers	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality: hotel, restaurant, travel industry, food services, restaurant (cooks, servers)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Care and Services: flight attendants, child care workers, hair stylists and personal care workers, recreation workers, cleaning services (home and office)	<input type="checkbox"/> Protective Services: firefighters, correctional officers, police, life guards, security guards, investigators, military
<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):	

16. Which of the following categories represents your total household income last year before taxes, including the income of everyone who is a part of your household?

- ☐ Less than \$25,000
- ☐ \$25,000 to \$34,999
- ☐ \$35,000 to \$49,999
- ☐ \$50,000 to \$74,999
- ☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999
- ☐ \$100,000 to \$149,999
- ☐ \$150,000 to \$199,999
- ☐ \$200,000 or more
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

17. How would you rate your Portuguese-SPEAKING skills?

- ☐ 1 (Don't speak Portuguese at all)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 (Extremely fluent in Portuguese)

18. How would you rate your Portuguese-WRITING skills?

- ☐ 1 (Don't write in Portuguese at all)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 (Extremely fluent in Portuguese writing)

19. How did you learn Portuguese? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Learned in Portugal before coming to the United States
- ☐ Took Portuguese language classes in public/private school or college
- ☐ Attending a Portuguese community school after regular school hours or on weekends
- ☐ Took individual lessons
- ☐ Taught at home by parents or other relatives
- ☐ Learned on my own
- ☐ Learned through immersion while visiting Portugal
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

20. Do you use Portuguese in your job?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Some of the time
- ☐ Half of the time
- ☐ Most of the time
- ☐ All of the time

21. How would you rate your English-SPEAKING skills?

- ☐ 1 (Don't speak English at all)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 (Extremely fluent in English speaking)

22. How do you rate your English-WRITING skills?

- ☐ 1 (Don't write English at all)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 (Extremely fluent in English writing)

23. Do you have children?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (If No, please skip to question 26)

24. Do your children speak Portuguese?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Some of my children do and others do not

25. How are (or have) your children learning (learned) Portuguese? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Learned in Portugal before coming to the United States
- ☐ Taking Portuguese classes at public or private school or college
- ☐ Attending a Portuguese community school after regular school hours or on weekends
- ☐ Taught at home
- ☐ Taking individual lessons
- ☐ Learning on their own
- ☐ Immersion while visiting Portugal
- ☐ Other (specify) _____

26. What is your citizenship status?

- ☐ Citizen of Portugal only
- ☐ Citizen of the United States only
- ☐ Citizen of both the United States and Portugal
- ☐ Citizen of the United States and another country other than Portugal
- ☐ Citizen of Portugal and another country other than the United States
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

27. While residing in the United States, have you voted in Portuguese elections? (For example, for President of Portugal or for the Portuguese Parliament)

- ☐ Have never voted
- ☐ Have voted once in a while
- ☐ Have voted often
- ☐ Have voted in every election
- ☐ Other (specify) _____

28. In which of the following political activities have you participated in the United States? (Please choose all that apply)

- ☐ Have not voted
- ☐ Have voted once in awhile
- ☐ Have voted regularly in elections
- ☐ Have written to or called my political representatives
- ☐ Contributed money to a political campaign or candidate
- ☐ Worked in a political campaign
- ☐ Have run for political office
- ☐ Have held political office
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other (specify) _____

29. Do you consider yourself and your family as part of a Portuguese Community in the US?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

30. Thinking about your experience in your Portuguese community, what are the biggest challenges in that community? (Please check the options that best reflect your opinion on each of the issues below).

	Big challenge	Moderate challenge	Not a challenge	Don't know
Getting more people involved in community organizations				
Maintaining the Portuguese language				
Maintaining the Portuguese culture (food, music, dance, art, festas, etc.)				
Maintaining ties to Portugal				
Political representation at the local, state, and federal levels				
Getting youth to attend college				
Barriers to Portuguese-owned business success				

31. If there are any OTHER big challenges in your community, could you please indicate what these are in

the space provided below?

32. Do you think these challenges are unique to your particular community or do you believe them to be similar to those of Portuguese communities in other areas?

- ☐ Different from other communities
- ☐ Similar to other communities
- ☐ I do not know

33. From an overall perspective, what are your biggest concerns? (Please check the options that best reflect your level of concern regarding each of the issues below).

	Big concern	Moderate concern	Not a concern	Do not have an opinion
Cost of education				
Access to healthcare				
Saving for retirement				
Social security and medical care				
Increase in taxes				
The state of the US economy				
Getting a job				
Lack of information about starting a business				
Safety in our communities				
Terrorism				
The US going to war with other countries				
The US limiting immigration				
Lack of control over illegal immigration				
Our country's political leadership				
Religious or moral decline in our country				

34. If you have OTHER big concerns, could you please indicate what these are in the space provided below?

35. How often do you engage in the following activities outside of work? (Please check the options below that best represent the frequency in which you engage in the activities below. If an item does not apply to you, please choose the N/A option).

	Frequently	Occasionally	Never	N/A
Activities/sports (not Portuguese related) with my children				
Activities/sports (Portuguese related) with my children				
Volunteering at my child's school				
Volunteering with my church				
Volunteering with a local Portuguese-American organization				
Working a second job				
Taking care of aging/disabled parents/relatives				
Physical fitness activities				

36. If you have OTHER activities in which regularly engage, could you please share what they are in the space provided below?

37. Where would you like to see more investment (time and money) in our Portuguese communities. (Please choose the level of priority).

	High Priority	Moderate Priority	Not a Priority
Portuguese language classes			
Portuguese-American feasts and festivals			
Different events other than religious festas			
Portuguese cultural organizations (museums, libraries, monuments, etc.			
Business mixers to meet other Portuguese professionals			
Help with starting a business			
Help with getting our children to college/university			
Help with finding jobs			
Meetings with elected officials			

38. If there are OTHER priorities, other than those listed above, could you please offer your suggestions in the space provided below?

39. Do you tend to donate money to charitable or cultural causes?

- ☐ Never (If Never, please skip to question 42)
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Regularly
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

40. Do you give to Portuguese causes more than non-Portuguese causes?

- ☐ More to Portuguese causes
- ☐ About the same to Portuguese and non-Portuguese causes
- ☐ More to non-Portuguese causes
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

41. To which causes or organizations do you tend to contribute money? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Church (weekly offering, building fund, youth ministry, etc.)
- ☐ Education funds (scholarships, books, programs, etc.)
- ☐ Natural disaster relief (floods, earthquakes, fires, etc.)
- ☐ Local family in crisis (cancer, death, debilitating disease, etc.)
- ☐ National fund drives (American Cancer Fund, March of Dimes, Red Cross, etc.)
- ☐ Clubs or organizations to which I belong
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

42. Have you ever visited Portugal?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (If No, please skip to Question 46)

43. When did you last visit Portugal?

- ☐ 2016-2017
- ☐ 2014-2015
- ☐ 2012-2013
- ☐ 2010-2011
- ☐ Before 2010

44. During your life time, approximately how many times have you visited Portugal (mainland, Azores or Madeira)?

- ☐ 1 to 3 times
- ☐ 4 to 6 times
- ☐ 7 to 9 times
- ☐ 10 or more times

45. What have been the purposes of your visits to Portugal? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Vacation
- ☐ Visit relatives
- ☐ Academic reasons (present papers, attend the school/university there, etc.)
- ☐ Youth meetings/activities
- ☐ Participate in religious holidays or events
- ☐ Live there temporarily or for part of the year
- ☐ Take care of property I/my family owns there
- ☐ Work in a business I/my family owns there
- ☐ Purchase items for my business in the US
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

46. Do you plan to buy property in Portugal in the future?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (If No, please skip to Question 48)

47. Approximately, when do you plan to buy property in Portugal?

- ☐ In less than 1 year
- ☐ In 1 to 2 years
- ☐ In 3 to 4 years
- ☐ In 5 or more years
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

48. Do you plan to invest in a business in Portugal?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (If No, please skip to Question 50)

49. Approximately, when do you plan to invest in a business in Portugal?

- ☐ In less than 1 year
- ☐ In 1 to 2 years
- ☐ In 3 to 4 years
- ☐ In 5 or more years
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

50. How often do you engage in the following activities?

	Very Frequently	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Very rarely	Never
Watch Portuguese TV from Portugal						
Watch Portuguese-American TV channels or programs						
Listen to radio from Portugal						
Listen to Portuguese-American radio stations or programs						
Read a Portuguese newspaper from Portugal						
Read a Portuguese-American newspaper						

51. Are you connected to any social media sites, such as Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, Google+ or others?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (If No, please skip to Question 54)

52. How important is social media for accomplishing the following activities?

	Very important	Moderately important	Not important
Keep in touch with relatives and family in Portugal			
Keep in touch with relatives and family in the US and countries, other than Portugal.			
Find information about Portugal			
Find jobs			
Promote my business			
Promote my work			
Share news and events with the Portuguese community			

53. If there are other reasons you use social media sites, could you please indicate below what they are?

We are near the end of this survey. Do you have a few more minutes to answer some questions about the Portuguese American Leadership Council of the United States (PALCUS)? If yes, please answer the questions below. If not, stop here and return the survey to PALCUS.

54. Please check the statement that best fits your awareness of PALCUS

- ☐ I am well aware of PALCUS and what they do
- ☐ I've heard of PALCUS, but am not sure what they do
- ☐ What is PALCUS? (If you choose this answer, please skip to Question 58)

55. Please indicate if you are aware, somewhat aware, or not aware of the following PALCUS' programs and initiatives

	Aware	Somewhat Aware	Not Aware
Website			
LUSUS Newsletter			
Annual Leadership Awards Gala			
Scholarship Fund			
Internship Program			
Online Mentoring Program			
Student Exchange Partnership with MultiWay			
The Gateway			
PALCUS Facebook Page			
Jobs for Portuguese Speakers Facebook Page			
Adopt a School Program			
FYI Webinar Series			
PALITICUS Podcast			

56. Please state your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Overall, PALCUS has programs and initiatives that benefit the Portuguese-American community.					
Having a national organization that represents Portuguese Americans is important.					
My overall impression of PALCUS is positive					

57. Are you a member of PALCUS?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Used to be, but not anymore

58. Are you interested in signing up for PALCUS newsletter?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (If No, please skip to Question 60)
- ☐ I am already receiving the newsletter (Please skip to Question 46)

59. Email address to which we can send PALCUS' newsletter:

60. We have now reached the end of this questionnaire. Please use the space below to make any comments you may wish to offer.

Thank you for completing the PALCUS Index National Community Survey! Your input is very valuable to us and the entire community.

Interviewer:

Please enter the responses to this survey questionnaire through the following link:

<http://www.questionpro.com/t/ANYMwZaB5h>

In the comments space at the end of the survey, please indicate your name and the date of the interview.

To return the survey to PALCUS, you can either scan and email it, or send it by postal mail.

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