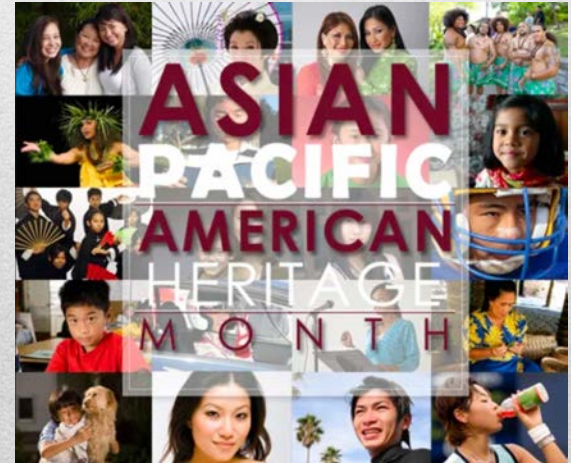




May 2021

Membership Meeting





Agenda

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

Guest speaker: Allen Ellison

-U.S. Senate candidate, 2022 (Rubio seat)

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Current Events & Resources

June meeting preview

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM)

is to celebrate and pay tribute to the contributions that generations of Asian/Pacific Americans have made to American history, society, and culture.



- APAHM originated in 1978 when passed by Congress. This law directed President Carter to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning on May 4, 1979 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. President George H.W. Bush later issued a proclamation designating May 1990 as the first Asian American Heritage Month.

[Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 2021 \(asianpacificheritage.gov\)](http://asianpacificheritage.gov)

- Violence against Asian Americans and Asians has grown despite increased national attention and political action against anti-Asian hate.

- There was more than a 164% increase in anti-Asian hate crime reports to police in the first quarter of 2021 in 16 major cities and jurisdictions compared with last year.

[Racism in US: Anti-Asian hate grows despite Biden speech, activism \(usatoday.com\)](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2021/04/08/racism-in-us-anti-asian-hate-grows-despite-biden-speech-activism/7000000002/)

- The U.S. Senate recently overwhelmingly passed new legislation aimed at bolstering efforts to combat rising anti-Asian hate crimes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Senate Overwhelmingly Passes Anti-Asian Hate Crime Bill | Voice of America \(voanews.com\)](https://www.voanews.com/news/usa-politics-senate-overwhelmingly-passes-anti-asian-hate-crime-bill-20210408)

Allen Ellison Candidate for U.S. Senate

Born and raised in the great state of Florida.

- Political Science degree from Florida Southern College.
- In 2014, founded the Center for Economic & Policy Development to facilitate economic growth throughout Central Florida and rural parts of the country.
- In 2018, incorporated the Center for Economic & Policy Development into The Ellison Foundation, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit NGO dedicated to strengthening the lives of families and the communities in which they live.
- 2018 and 2020 Democratic Nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives in Florida's 17th Congressional District.



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Current Events & Resources

- **SDC members joined the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Action Day VoterCade in Haines City on May 8.**
- **HR1/S1: For the People Act; HR 4: The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act; HR 51: Washington DC Admission Act (DC Statehood); PLUS: Change Filibuster rules.**

FIGHT BACK AGAINST VOTER SUPPRESSION! — The Voting Rights Alliance

- **Florida GOP passes restrictive voting law, anti-protest law, and more.**

'Because we can' — the Florida GOP's arrogant slogan for lawmaking

May / June 2021 Events:

May 15	Armed Forces Day
May 31	Memorial Day
June 9	SDC Membership Meeting
June 14	Flag Day & DEC Meeting

