

## **South Dakota Democracy in Action Endorses Alan Hanks in Rapid City Mayoral Race**



At our meeting on Tuesday, June 14, the members of SD Democracy in Action—Rapid City endorsed **Alan Hanks** in the runoff election for Rapid City mayor. We chose to endorse him for the following reasons:

- 1) Mayor Hanks reinstated, after a lengthy absence, the city's Human Relations Commission, which helps to give voice to a constituency that has long been voiceless.
- 2) Mayor Hanks supported the efforts of the Green Cities Task Force and, in addition, has supported the idea of making sure an environmental voice is heard on every city committee.
- 3) Mayor Hanks has demonstrated significant support for the Homeless Coalition's efforts to provide services for those in our community who are most in need.
- 4) Mayor Hanks supported, in writing, the billboard initiatives passed in the June 7<sup>th</sup> election.
- 5) Mayor Hanks has been, and continues to be, a supporter of the arts community in Rapid City. He provided solid backing for the new Performing Arts Center.
- 6) Mayor Hanks has provided the leadership needed to keep Rapid City fiscally more healthy than many other cities.
- 7) Mayor Hanks has expressed a long-term vision for the city of Rapid City. Though he pays attention to short-term issues, he's not focused entirely on them.
- 8) Mayor Hanks has run a clean, positive, forward-thinking campaign. We wish more politicians would follow his example. For a clear comparison of campaign styles, visit the candidates' websites:

[www.alanhanks.com](http://www.alanhanks.com)  
[www.standwithsam.com](http://www.standwithsam.com)

**PLEASE BE SURE TO VOTE  
IN THE RUNOFF ELECTION  
ON JUNE 28, 2011!**