

Council is asking for justice, that's all there is to it.

## June 1 Special Election Information from the Four Directions Committee

*Compare the candidates on issues of importance to Native American Voters.*

**Stephanie Herseeth, Democrat**

**Larry Diedrich, Republican**

**Respect:**

"My basic belief is that Indian Nations are sovereign governments, recognized in the Constitution and in hundreds of treaties with the U.S. executive branch. **The federal government should facilitate and complement tribal governments' efforts to improve the quality of life for Native Americans and encourage economic development in Indian Country.**"  
([www.herseethforcongress.org](http://www.herseethforcongress.org))

**Sovereignty:**

**supports tribal sovereignty and the rights of Native Americans to be self-governing, to retain their culture and language...**  
(Herseeth for Congress flyer/Native Americans)

**Economic development:**

**will work to improve economic conditions by ensuring resources for road construction and improvements, safe water supplies, and encouraging small business development through increased access to small business loans.** ([www.herseethforcongress.org](http://www.herseethforcongress.org))

**Health care:**

**has given her word that she will work to make nursing home care available on our Native American reservations.** (Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce Dinner 4/30/04)

**Opportunities for Native Americans:**

**is committed to better educational opportunities and economic development for Native Americans.** ([www.herseethforcongress.org](http://www.herseethforcongress.org))

**Voter Participation:**

**came to Indian Country following the 2002 election to thank and to honor Native Americans for their support.** (John Steele, Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce Dinner 4/30/04)

**Respect:**

"It's time to finally pull ourselves away from really what we've done in the past, just giving money out to the reservations, and really move to a situation to where we can use those dollars to really improve their lot, rather than **having a hand out, give them a hand up...**" (SDPB Debate, 5/5/04) "...we end up throwing millions of millions of dollars to the different reservations." (KEVN Debate, 5/7/04)

**Sovereignty:**

**voted against tribal sovereignty when he voted against legislation that would have required the State of South Dakota to recognize tribal identification cards of valid documentation for drivers licenses.** (HB 1288, 2000 SE 204, 2001)

**Economic development:**

**voted against putting signs at South Dakota's borders and along interstate highways promoting "Great Sioux Nation" for tourism.** (SB 203, 2000) Voted against state giving surplus property to tribes for road repair. (HB 1130, 2001)

**Health care:**

**worked with Gov. Bill Janklow to stop the late Senator Dick Hagen's legislation to build nursing homes on the reservation.** (HB 1319, 1998 HB 1087, 2000)

**Opportunities for Native Americans:**

**fought alongside Gov. Bill Janklow to hold down scholarship funding for Tribal Colleges.** (HB 1283, 1997)

**Voter Participation:**

**voted to make it harder for Native Americans to vote.** Following the 2002 election, Diedrich cosponsored legislation requiring voters to provide photo identification. (HB 1176, 2003)

*The Four Directions Committee urges you to vote June 1!*

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