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Alex Wan demonstrates fundraising prowess

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Atlanta, July 8, 2009 – Alex Wan, a businessman and civic leader who is seeking the Atlanta City Council District 6 seat, significantly outraised the field of candidates in that race. As of the June 30 financial disclosure deadline, Wan’s campaign had raised \$51,421.50 – more money than all opponents combined.

The District 6 seat is currently held by Anne Fauver, a two-term council member who in late April announced her decision not to seek re-election. Wan entered the race in May.

“Alex’s fundraising prowess is a credit to him personally and to the effective bridges and organizations he builds,” says Ken Britt, executive director of Alston & Bird, LLP, who is serving as campaign chair for Wan’s city council bid, and who is a long-time community and political fundraiser. “This (fundraising milestone) combined with his proven vote-getting strength place Alex among leading contenders for the seat.”

By noting Wan’s vote-getting abilities, Britt refers to the 2004 State House District 57 race, in which Wan pulled 38 percent of the vote against popular incumbent Rep. Pat Gardner. A considerable part of State House District 57 overlays City Council District 6. Notably, Rep. Gardner, as well as Representatives Kathy Ashe and Karla Drenner, were among those whose donations were listed on Wan’s recent disclosure.

“I am humbled by the tremendous support,” Wan says, “and I am heartened because this kind of broad, early and strong financial support demonstrates that voters are looking for leaders who combine business experience with broad-based community service.”

Wan, who was raised in Atlanta, has been a homeowner in the city’s Morningside neighborhood for 15 years. City Council District 6 encompasses much of in town Atlanta, including the Morningside/Lenox Park, Virginia-Highland, Midtown, Ansley Park, Piedmont Heights, Druid Hills, Candler Park and Lindridge-Martin Manor neighborhoods.

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