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Endorsements demonstrate strength, support

Wan gains support of national and statewide organizations

Atlanta, November 11, 2009 – Alex Wan, a businessman and civic leader who is seeking the Atlanta City Council District 6 seat, has been endorsed by Georgia Equality and the Victory Fund.

“These endorsements are a vote of confidence for the tireless work he has done in the LGBT community, for the race he has been running, and for his actionable plans to balance sound economic development with the unique character of our green and livable residential neighborhoods,” says Ken Britt, the retired Executive Director of law firm Alston & Bird, who serves as campaign chair for Wan’s campaign.

Georgia Equality is Georgia’s largest statewide LGBT advocacy group. Georgia Equality Executive Director Jeff Graham: “Through his years of community activism and engagement with a broad cross-section of the greater Atlanta community, Alex has developed the skills necessary to govern effectively and represent the full diversity that defines Atlanta’s District 6.”

The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund “identifies trains and elects LGBT leaders to all levels of office, in every corner of America.” Victory Fund President & CEO Chuck Wolfe: “Alex’s campaign has the strength and momentum to be victorious in the runoff election December 1. It’s an added bonus that he would be the first openly gay man and first Asian American on the Atlanta City Council.”

These are not the first of Alex’s endorsements. Last week he was endorsed by the Buckhead Coalition, a prestigious chamber-type organization that is comprised of 100 influential business leaders. And, prior to the November 3 election, he was endorsed by *Southern Voice* newspaper; the paper has said its endorsement continues to stand for the runoff.

Also, Wan is the only candidate in District 6 to receive the highest rating of “Excellent” from the Committee for a Better Atlanta. CBA is comprised of representatives from businesses and business organizations that are concerned about the future of Atlanta and seek to articulate a common civic and business agenda for the City.

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“These endorsements – along with the ‘Excellent’ CBA rating – help underscore the fact that other leaders recognize our candidate understands the needs of the people of District 6 and has the experience and knowledge to address those needs,” Britt says. “Moreover, they’ve seen that Alex has the collaborative leadership skills to build effective, solutions-oriented relationships necessary to get the job done.”

City Council District 6 encompasses much of intown Atlanta, including the Morningside/Lenox Park, Virginia-Highland, Midtown, Ansley Park, Piedmont Heights, Druid Hills, Candler Park and Lindridge-Martin Manor neighborhoods.

For more information about Wan and his campaign: www.AlexWanForAtlanta.com.

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