

Alex at a glance

Alex Wan, an active business and community leader, is seeking the Atlanta City Council District 6 seat.

Business acumen

- Engineer by training with hands-on business, management and finance experience
- Has balanced budgets, met payroll
- Understands both the revenue and the expense side of challenges and solutions
- Knows how to make difficult choices when resources are scarce

Wide breadth of long-time community service

- Member of the Morningside Lenox Park Neighborhood Association; 15+ year Morningside resident
- Morningside Lenox Park Association Business Liaison for 2008
- Graduate of Leadership Atlanta and Leadership DeKalb, and chaired the latter
- Serves on the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Development Authority (Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair)
- Former Atlanta Volunteer Chair and Atlanta Federal Club (donor circle) Co-Chair for the Human Rights Campaign
- Founded and served as the first president of an all-volunteer non-profit benefitting socio-economically disadvantaged children
- On the board of the Asian American Heritage Foundation
- Previously served on the Insurance Commissioner's Better Georgia Executive Round Table and the Governor's Small Business Advisory Council

Accessible leader, neighbor, friend

- The temperament you want in a trusted leader – a natural listener and consensus-builder who builds strong effective relationships and speaks his mind concisely
- Raised in Atlanta from the age of three (Morningside resident for 15 years)
- Many accolades, including Georgia Trend Magazine's "Forty Under 40" and the Georgia Asian Times "25 Most Influential Asian Americans in Georgia"
- A fitness enthusiast who is a certified SCUBA diver, and has completed marathons and half marathons

Alex's "day job" reflects the blending of his best business, community and personal characteristics: He is Director of Development for Jerusalem House, Atlanta's oldest and largest provider of permanent, supportive housing for homeless or low-income individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS.

Community Involvement

For the Kid in All of Us, Inc. (Annual toy drive, school supply and fundraising events for 4,500 people for socio-economically disadvantaged children)

- Founder - 2003
- President – 2003 – 2007
- Advisory Board – 2008 - present

Human Rights Campaign

- Atlanta Federal Club Co-Chair – 2006 - 2007
- Atlanta Steering Committee – 2004 - 2007
- Atlanta Volunteer Chair – 2004 - 2005

Atlanta Development Authority Board of Directors, 2006 – present

- Treasurer – 2007 – present
- Finance Committee Chair – 2007 – present
- Tax Allocation District Review Committee

Morningside Lenox Park Neighborhood Association, 2004 – present

- Business Liaison - 2008

Leadership Atlanta

- Program Committee - 2003-05
- Asian Latino Task Force - 2003-04

Leadership DeKalb

- Chair - 1999
- Chair-Elect - 1998
- Board Secretary - 1995-97, 2002-03

Asian American Heritage Foundation

- Board of Directors – 2008 - present

National Association of Chinese Americans, 2004 - present

Organization of Chinese Americans Georgia Chapter

- President -1997
- President-Elect -1996
- VP Financial Affairs -1995

National Association of Asian-American Professionals, 2004
American Cancer Society Cattle Baron's Ball Committee - 2003-4
• Transportation Committee Chair - 2004

Joining Hearts Host Committee (Fundraiser for housing for people living with HIV/AIDS)
– 1997-2003

Art of Dining (Fundraiser for AIDS Survival Project) Committee – 2004–05 (set new fundraising records for the organization)

Our House, Inc. (Day care center for homeless children)
• Board Secretary - 1995-97

DeKalb Convention & Visitors Bureau Diversity Advisory Council - 1996

Georgia Governor's Small Business Advisory Council - 1996

Georgia Insurance Commissioner's Better Georgia Executive Round Table – 1996

Awards

Georgia Asian Times "25 Most Influential Asian Americans in Georgia", 2007

Recipient, Phillip Rush Award (for exemplary support of youth in Georgia), YouthPride, 2005

Georgia Trend Magazine's "Forty Under 40" Rising Stars in 1997

About Alex

Alex Wan was raised in Atlanta from the age of three and has been a resident of the city's Morningside neighborhood for 15 years.

Alex has impressive experience in both business and community involvement. In fact, his "day job" reflects the blending of his business acumen and his enthusiasm for the power of strong non-profit organizations: Alex is Director of Development for Jerusalem House (www.JerusalemHouse.org), a non-profit agency that provides over 50 percent of Atlanta's permanent supportive housing designated for homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS.

An engineer by training, Alex previously served as President of Optima, Inc., his own architecture-engineering consulting firm. Prior to that he worked as a financial analyst with Prudential Investment Corporation in Atlanta and in Newark, New Jersey. He is a graduate of Georgia Tech (Bachelor of Industrial Engineering) and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business (Master of Business Administration, with a concentration in Finance). Alex also completed the Minority Business Executive Program at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

A graduate of both Leadership Atlanta and Leadership DeKalb, Alex served as chair of the latter in 1999 and twice served as the organization's board secretary (from 1995-1997 and again from 2002-2003). He has since 2006 served on the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Development Authority, for which he is Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair. (He also serves on the Development Authority's Tax Allocation District Review Committee.)

Alex is a member of the Morningside Lenox Park Neighborhood Association, and served as that group's Business Liaison for 2008. He also serves on the board of the Asian American Heritage Foundation and is a member of the National Association of Chinese Americans. Alex served on the board of the Asian American Coalition in 2004 and was president of the Organization of Chinese Americans, Georgia Chapter, in 1997 and, prior to that, was the group's vice president of financial affairs.

He previously served on the DeKalb Convention & Visitors Bureau Diversity Advisory Council, the Insurance Commissioner's Better Georgia Executive Round Table, and the Governor's Small Business Advisory Council.

Alex founded and served as the first president (for four years) of For the Kid in All of Us, Inc., a charity that spearheads toy drives, school supply collections and fundraising efforts for socio-economically disadvantaged children. Since 2003, this all-volunteer organization has distributed more than 17,000 toys and gift cards through The Toy Party, 2,100 backpacks filled with school supplies and gift cards through Backpack in the Park, and raised nearly \$380,000 to donate to





numerous agencies and organizations serving Georgia's socio-economically disadvantaged kids. He remains on the group's Advisory Board.

Alex's work with the Human Rights Campaign includes time spent as Atlanta Volunteer Chair and Atlanta Federal Club (donor circle) Co-Chair. He also has served on the Victory Cabinet for the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, on the Equality Council for Georgia Equality, and on the Cattle Baron's Ball Committee (Transportation Chair) for the American Cancer Society. He was on the Host Committee for Joining Hearts (Fundraiser for housing for people living with HIV/AIDS) from 1997 to 2003 and served on the committee for Art of Dining (signature fundraiser for AIDS Survival Project) the year (2005) the event set new fundraising records for the organization. He also served as board secretary for Our House, Inc., a day care center for homeless children.

In 2004, Wan was a candidate for State House District 57, a considerable part of which overlays City Council District 6. In that race, Wan pulled 38 percent of the vote against popular incumbent Rep. Pat Gardner.

Alex addressed the US Army troops stationed in Bosnia-Herzgovina in conjunction with Asian/Pacific Heritage Month, May 2001.

His accolades include Georgia Trend Magazine's "Forty Under 40" Rising Stars in 1997, YouthPride's Phillip Rush Award (for exemplary support of youth in Georgia) in 2005, Best Up & Coming Activist from Southern Voice's Best of Gay Atlanta in 2004, and the Georgia Asian Times "25 Most Influential Asian Americans in Georgia" in 2007.

A fitness enthusiast, Alex enjoys tennis, running, weightlifting, and is a certified SCUBA diver. He has completed marathons and half marathons. He also enjoys cooking and travel and recently took up beekeeping.

Alex, who is an active uncle with a close-knit family, lives in Morningside with his partner of four years.

As a Chinese-American, Alex would bring further diversity to the Atlanta City Council, and would be the first Asian-American among the ranks of the council. He speaks Mandarin Chinese.

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