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## Longtime state rep. managing citywide campaign

*Atlanta native Doug Teper to serve as campaign manager for Alex Wan, who is running for Atlanta City Council President*

**Atlanta, July 7, 2017** – Atlanta City Councilmember Alex Wan, who is seeking the second-highest elected position in Atlanta government – Atlanta City Council President, has named veteran political operative Doug Teper as his Campaign Manager.

“Doug’s deep knowledge of the political landscape and his many alliances across the City are great assets to our campaign team,” Wan says. “In moving from two successful terms on Atlanta City Council to a bid for citywide office, it was important to bring in a leader like Doug.”

Teper served in the State Legislature from 1988 until 2004 (District 61), representing many DeKalb and intown Atlanta neighborhoods. Since leaving the legislature, Teper has served as a consultant to non-governmental organizations and the U.S. State Department. Among his work was helping on elections in Iraq. He is an adjunct professor at Georgia State University (Political Science) and continues to operate Atlanta International Consulting, now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year.

“While I live and breathe politics and governance, I had not been involved directly in an Atlanta campaign in a while,” Teper says, “but the vision Alex has for the City’s future is one I wholeheartedly support and wanted to be involved in.”

Teper is active in the community, having served on the Atlanta Jewish Federation Community Relations Commissions, the Atlanta Chapter of the Board of Trustees of the American Jewish Committee, the board of the Young Democrats of Georgia, and the Citizens Advisory Board of DeKalb Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs. He was a founding board member of the Campaign for a Prosperous Georgia and is a graduate of Leadership DeKalb.

While in the Georgia Legislature, Teper chaired the DeKalb County House Delegation and was recognized for his leadership on environmental, mass transit, and public safety causes, among others.

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“I’ve been especially taken with Alex’s continued commitment to collaboration between Atlanta’s many different stakeholders, his emphasis on data-driven solutions and his pledge to furthering transparency in City government,” Teper says. “He’s a great steward of resources – financial, environmental and otherwise, and I wanted to be part of his transition to an even greater role in Atlanta’s future.”

In his bid for Council President, Wan says he will continue to leverage deep roots in the community, long-time civic leadership, business acumen and his record during seven years at city hall, including many roles in council leadership.

Official qualifying for the election is in August, with voters citywide choosing the City Council President on Nov. 7. Atlanta City Council President presides at all Council meetings and votes in the event of a tie. The President of the Council also appoints chairs and members of the various committees. Council President serves as vice mayor, acting for the mayor in certain instances. The Atlanta City Council President is elected for a four-year term; the current City Council President is running for mayor.

### **About the Wan Campaign**

Wan was first elected to the City Council District 6 post in 2009 and easily earned a second term in 2013 with 76 percent of the vote, both times garnering a broad base of support. He is the first Asian American and first openly gay man to serve on Atlanta City Council. He is (currently) Director of Development and Alumni Relations at Emory University.

Raised in Atlanta and a Morningside homeowner for over 20 years, Wan was perhaps best known before his Council win for long-time community involvement, including service on the Invest Atlanta (formerly Atlanta Development Authority) Board and founding For the Kid in All of Us, an all-volunteer non-profit serving children in need. He currently serves on Boards of Directors for the Piedmont Park Conservancy, the Little Five Points Community Improvement District (CID), and the Olmsted Linear Park Association.

He holds a Bachelor’s in Industrial Engineering from Georgia Tech, a Finance MBA from Wharton Business School, and has completed educational programs at Dartmouth and Harvard.

For more information about Wan and his campaign:  
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