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Continued strong financial backing for Wan's Council President campaign

Two-term City Councilperson Alex Wan draws support from broad cross-section of residents across Atlanta in bid for City's second-highest office

Atlanta, July 10, 2017 – Atlanta City Councilmember Alex Wan, who is seeking the second-highest elected position in Atlanta government – Atlanta City Council President, raised \$94,710.00 in the campaign finance disclosure period ending June 30.

This brings Wan's cumulative fundraising total to over \$225,000.00 since he officially announced his run for the office Jan. 4. This latest financial disclosure notes that the campaign has \$172,500.00 on hand.

“In this 90-day window we received donations from over 200 individuals, representing a broad base of support from across the city,” Wan says. “The diversity of Atlantans who support our shared vision for the city we love is heartening. This energy and the investment in me is encouraging, and emphasizes that we can indeed continue moving away from politics as usual.”

Contributors during this disclosure period, like the two before it, include leaders from the business and civic communities as well as citizens who appreciate Wan's experience and focus on specific key issues.

“Alex's track record at City Hall and vision for Atlanta's future have clearly resonated with residents from his home in Morningside to all corners of the city and beyond,” says Doug Teper, who is Wan's Campaign Manager. “The breadth of contributors supports that vision of genuinely collaborative engagement between all of the city's stakeholders, and provides the resources to be able to reach a diverse array of voters citywide.”

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. “I'm eager to continue working on tough issues like transportation, infrastructure, affordable housing, operational efficiency, sound fiscal stewardship, public safety, individual and collective economic prosperity, and quality of life, and strong support like this will make it possible,” he says.

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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.

The Atlanta City Council President is elected city wide, presiding at all Council meetings and voting in the event of a tie. The president of the Council also appoints chairs and members of the various committees. Council President also serves as vice mayor, acting for the mayor in certain instances. The Atlanta City Council President is elected for a four-year term, with the election to be held in November 2017, taking office in January 2018. The current City Council President is running for mayor.

For more information about Wan and his campaign:
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