



Former opponent, longtime City Councilmember C.T. Martin endorses Alex Wan

Two-term City Councilmember Wan goes into the Dec. 5 runoff for Atlanta City Council President with crucial endorsement

Atlanta, November 19, 2017 – Atlanta City Councilmember Alex Wan who led the field of three candidates to earn a spot in the runoff for Atlanta City Council President has been endorsed in the runoff by longtime Atlanta Councilmember C.T. Martin.

“I know Alex Wan to be an honest, fair collaborator who can bring people together across geography and ideologies to get real work done for Atlantans,” Martin says. “Disagreements are natural in developing policy, and he and I have had our disagreements, but unlike Ms. Moore, Alex was always respectful, so we could work toward solutions on other issues at other times.”

Wan says the Martin endorsement is noteworthy because Martin has a longer history working with Moore, and that he and Martin represent directly geographic opposite districts in the City. “Our mutual desire to move Atlanta forward and find collaborative solutions unites us,” he says.

“I am proud to have earned Mr. Martin’s endorsement in the runoff,” Wan says. “I respect his decades of service to Atlanta, and hope to carry on his important work for all Atlanta communities.”

Martin notes that it was through the combined effort of he and Wan that finally resulted in getting the public safety compensation matter resolved after three years, and multiple council members trying, including Moore.

“Nobody can represent the City of Atlanta without representing ALL its citizens,” Wan says, “and I’m here to advocate for all communities. I ask for the continuing support of citizens from all corners of Atlanta so we can finish the race we started. Let’s cross the finish line together when the runoff vote takes place Tuesday, December 5, so I can further mobilize Council to move Atlanta forward.”

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 made it into the runoff with 38 percent of the vote; his closest opponent garnered 35 percent. No stranger to runoffs, Wan’s first Council run was a six-way race, which went to a runoff which he won with 60 percent of the vote.

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Throughout his campaign Wan has promised to continue championing issues ranging from transportation/transit and infrastructure to quality-of-life-disparities, doubling down on tough economic oversight and further leaning into ethics, accountability, and transparency to restore trust in City Hall. He also emphasizes his temperament and leadership style, through which he can respectfully disagree as necessary, but preserving relationships so that collaboration remains an option for future dealings.

In this race Wan has been endorsed by:

- The Buckhead Coalition,
- RPAC (which represents both the Atlanta Board of Realtors and Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors),
- Georgia Equality,
- Georgia Log Cabin Republicans,
- Georgia Stonewall Democrats,
- The Victory Fund, and
- A broad array of community, business and political leaders, now including Martin.

Wan also received the Committee for a Better Atlanta's highest possible ranking, "Excellent." His score of 96 out of 100 was the highest in the field in the Council President's race. In fact, Wan is one of the two top scorers of all candidates (who participated) across all current City political races.

He is the first Asian American and first openly gay man to serve on Atlanta City Council. He is (currently) a director at Emory University. His resume includes experience in the public, private and non-profit sectors, in addition to higher education.

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.

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For more information about Wan and his campaign:
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