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HIGH HEEL RACE

DUPONT CIRCLE.

REPORTER: LA'SHAWN DONELSON

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ON THE EVENT THAT ATTRACTS THOUSANDS IT'S A PRE-HALLOWEEN TRADITION IN

LA'SHAWN DONELSON REPORTS.

MORE THAN ONE-HUNDRED LOCAL D-C DRAG QUEENS RACED DOWN  $17^{\text{TH}}$  STREET IN HIGH HEELS, ELABORATE AND COLORFUL COSTUMES.

RACERS ONLY GO A COUPLE OF BLOCKS BUT THE EVENT BRINGS THE MAINSTREAM AND L-G-B-T-Q COMMUNITIES TOGETHER.

SHEILA ALEXANDER REID, IS WITH THE D-C MAYOR'S OFFICE.

SOT (0:10) "The beauty of the race is that the fact that LGBTQ people can be themselves and enjoy themselves without judgment, without fear.

AND FORMER D-C MAYOR VINCENT GRAY SAYS, IT'S A CULTURAL EVENT FOR ALL.

SOT (0:15): "There is place for everybody to be involved meaningfully in the District of Columbia, not in the margins of DC but in the center of what we do."

THE RACE IS IN ITS 31<sup>ST</sup> YEAR.

LA'SHAWN DONELSON, D-A-G NEWS.

## **Sources**

 Mayor's office of LGBTQ Affairs Director, Sheila Alexander Reid Interviewed at the Annual High Heel race on Tuesday October 24, 2017

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2. Former Mayor of DC and DC Councilmember for Ward 7, Vincent C. Gray Interviewed at the Annual High Heel race on Tuesday October 24, 2017

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