

# Old 'Welcome to Nevada' signs a collector's item

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When the Nevada Department of Transportation switched the design of the longtime "Welcome to Nevada" sign this year, a battle for the pieces of history ensued.

Department spokesman Tony Illia said he was shocked by the amount of interest in the old highway fixtures.

"You cannot believe how many people wanted those signs," he said. "They were fighting over them. We had thousands of people calling and emailing me, and I was just flabbergasted. These are huge signs; you can't just hang them up in your house."

About 14,500 Nevadans entered the free raffle via phone, website and social media, and NDOT randomly selected four winners from each region of the state.

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