

VERIFY: Did Las Vegas change their welcome sign to all lowercase letters to taunt the Caps?

By Eliana Block • May 28, 2018

A town in Virginia changed its name to Capitalsville in honor of the Caps, but did the City of Las Vegas really change its historic sign to taunt the Caps?

QUESTION:

The City of Las Vegas and Mayor Carolyn Goodman tweeted a photo of the Las Vegas Welcome Sign in all lowercase letters with the caption '#nocaps.'

Did Vegas officials really remodel the historic icon?

ANSWER:

No, the tweeted picture is photoshopped.

SOURCES:

City of Las Vegas Twitter
 Carolyn Goodman Twitter

PROCESS:

The Washington Capitals-Vegas Golden Knights rivalry is on, with the puck drop of the Stanley Cup Finals Game 1 on May 28.

Fans on both sides of rink are speculating over a tweet published by the City of Las Vegas and shared by Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman, showing a historic icon altered for this historic championship.

The tweets drew applause, game-ons and questions. Did the city of Las Vegas actually alter their welcome sign to taunt the Capitals?

First, the Verify team checked with the city and Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman. They say it's just their social media team having some fun. The picture's photoshopped.

The whole joke pokes fun at the Capitals' "ALL CAPS" motto. Since Friday both the city and their mayor have been tweeting in lowercase with the hashtag "no caps."

Yet, the city couldn't alter it, since it's technically in Clark County and not in their jurisdiction.



City of Las Vegas @CityOfLasVegas
 we're serious about #nocaps! #goknightsgo cc: @capitals
 4:01 PM - May 25, 2018
 2,819 likes, 1,504 people are talking about this

Carolyn G. Goodman @mayoroflasvegas
 see when we say #nocaps we mean #nocaps!!! @capitals @mayorbowser. what do you think @goldenknights @TheBuchananShow @chetbuchanan @spencetology @radiokayla???

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4:06 PM - May 25, 2018
 235 likes, 72 people are talking about this

Eliana Block @ElianaBlock · 28 May
 @CityOfLasVegas Can you confirm that the las vegas sign is photoshopped? Does the city own the sign or is it Clark County-owned?

City of Las Vegas @CityOfLasVegas
 Yes, it was edited in Photoshop and no, the sign is not officially located in city limits.
 11:45 AM - May 28, 2018
 See City of Las Vegas's other Tweets

Sign company Yesco owns the sign, and would have to sign-off on any changes to the 1959 structure. It's recognized by the National Register of Historic Places as being historically significant.

To be 100 percent certain our researchers used [EarthCam](#) to see live video of the sign. The sign was seen as completely unaltered, there are letters in CAPS.

WUSA9 Sports Anchor Darren Haynes paid a visit this afternoon. We can Verify, the photos tweeted from Las Vegas officials are photoshopped.