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# "If You Don't Speak Up Now, The History Books Will Say That You Loved It."

No Boston 2024 Housing Forum: "Olympic-Sized Displacement: What #Boston2024 Means for Housing Rights" (5/14/15)



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Panelists tonight are [@ulikemealready](#) from [@BLM\\_Boston](#), [@Classymscassie](#) from [@MassBHSC](#), and Rene + Maria from [@CityLife\\_Clvu](#). [#NoBoston2024](#)

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Discussing how [#Olympics2024](#) would increase [#homelessness](#) in [#Boston](#) [#NoBoston2024](#) (@ Hope Central Church) on [#Yelp](#) [yelp.com/biz/hope-centr...](https://www.yelp.com/biz/hope-centr...)

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"My name is [@JonathanCohn](#) and I'm with [@no\\_boston2024](#)." Massive spontaneous applause. [#Boston2024](#)

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[.@JonathanCohn](#) intros [#NoBoston2024](#) panel: moderated by [@genderpizza](#) [#Boston2024](#)  
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Jonathan is talking about displacement that is already happening: Boston has 3rd highest rent in the US. [#Boston2024](#)

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.@genderpizza is moderating. Asks if anyone is undecided or supports [#Boston2024](#). One hand goes up. Interesting.

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Photo from our Olympic displacement forum [#Boston2024](#) [#noBoston2024](#)  
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Panelists include members of [@CityLife\\_Clvu](#), [@MassBHSC](#), and [@BLM\\_Boston](#). Moderated by writer/editor [@genderpizza](#). [pic.twitter.com/Hvm84Y2WNP](https://pic.twitter.com/Hvm84Y2WNP)

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.[@ulikemealready](#) talking about her qualifications for being on this panel: lived through Atlanta Olympics, and is an urban historian.

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Living memory has eclipsed the reality of every city that has hosted an Olympics games.  
-[@ulikemealready](#) [#Boston2024](#)

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"Living memory has completely eclipsed the urban disaster that has accompanied every Olympics." -[@ulikemealready](#) [#Boston2024](#)

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Seneca Joyner talks about how the discussion around the Olympics have ignored the living history of the catastrophic impact on cities.

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[@ulikemealready](#) talking about her experiences living in Atlanta during the Olympics.  
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In 1993, the "hyper-surveillance" and displacement hadn't happened yet. A couple of years later, it hit strong. [@ulikemealready](#)

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Atlanta talked about how they wanted to become world class city. Same rhetoric that is now being used in Boston. [#noBoston2024](#) [#Boston2024](#)

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"I hear the same rhetoric from [#Boston2024](#) that I heard living in Atlanta before the 1996 Olympics." -[@ulikemealready](#)

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Full house for the [@no\\_boston2024](#) Olympics displacement talk. Panelists from [@CityLife\\_Clvu](#) [@MassBHSC](#) [@BLM\\_Boston](#) [pic.twitter.com/VjCNNIGNEZ](https://pic.twitter.com/VjCNNIGNEZ)

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"If you stood still long enough, someone would build a house on top of you." Sounds familiar.

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"If you stood still long enough, someone would build a house over you." ~ [@ulikemealready](#) on the real estate boom in Atlanta in the 90s

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Housing increasingly unaffordable in city and also increasingly difficult to find in 1995, full year b4 Olympics [#noBoston2024](#) [#Boston2024](#)

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[@ulikemealready](#) Imagine working in JP & living in Worcester. That was the reality.  
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.[@ulikemealready](#) talks about her experience with homelessness in 1990s Atlanta.

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.[@ulikemealready](#) notes how four years ago, Atlanta demolished the last of its public housing.

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B4 Olympics came, Atlanta had largest pop of ppl living in community housing. These ppl were displaced. [#noBoston2024](#) [#Boston2024](#)

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Rep from @BLMBoston speaking about how in Atlanta displaced people & raised rent in time leading up to [#Olympics](#). [#NoBoston2024](#)

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.[@ulikemealready](#) talking about the mass clearing of Atlanta public housing in their Olympics lead-up. [#Boston2024](#)

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**natasha**  
@NatashaVianna

The Olympics displaced 11,000 people in housing in Atlanta. This is the future we can expect in Boston. [#Boston2024](#)



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.@ulikemealready notes how "displacement" and "progress" are often buzzwords that really mean segregation and displacement. [#Boston2024](#)



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Compare the diversity of [#noBoston2024](#) panels to that of [#Boston2024 twitter.com/britnidlc/stat...](#)



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.@ulikemealready mentions conflicts of interest that would probably be illegal in other countries. [#Boston2024](#)



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"In Atlanta, the Olympics was a land grab. That will happen here too." -@ulikemealready [#Boston2024](#)



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**Heather**  
@pemiblue

Seneca Joyner @ulikemealready: "In Atlanta it was a land-grab, and they accomplished it." [#NoBoston2024](#) [#BostonMarathon](#)



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.@ulikemealready Boston hoping to hide gerrymandering that'll happen behind pageantry  
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"Development" and "progress" are buzz words for DISPLACEMENT and SEGREGATION.  
-@ulikemealready of @BLM\_Boston pic.twitter.com/phtHNQ64Qp

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.@ulikemealready talks about how the memory of the lived experiences of past Olympic Games  
has faded from our discourse. #Boston2024

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Rhetoric #Boston2024 is selling abt "safety" masks hypersurveillance & policing that targets  
POC to make areas more appealing to white folks

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.@ulikemealready pointing out that Olympics development calls for mass displacement of people of color: it's a land grab. #Boston2024

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not just about displacement. People lost their homes, neighbors, and communities. Forever.  
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"These people lost their homes. They lost their communities." ~ @ulikemealready on Atlanta Olympic displacement #Boston2024 #noBoston2024

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.@ulikemealready recalls being asked for her "papers" by police in her neighborhood every day in the years before Atlanta Games. #Boston2024

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In summer 1996 Seneca saw homeless Atlanta residents being rounded up on buses by Georgia state troopers, sent to South Georgia. #Boston2024

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.@ulikemealready talks about how Atlanta herded up and bussed its homeless population to Savannah in the lead-up to the Games. #Boston2024

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.@ulikemealready: "Nobody from [#Boston2024](#) wants you to realize proof already exists for what a horrible, poverty-inducing evt this will be"

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"No one at [@Boston2024](#) wants you to know [#Boston2024](#) will be a disaster. They want you to believe the lies." [@ulikemealready](#) [#noboston2024](#)

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.@ulikemealready: "We don't need dancing horses in Franklin Park!" [#Boston2024](#)  
[#noBoston2024](#)

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.@MassBHSC presents current [#Boston2024](#) plan to prevent displacement: there is none.

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.@ulikemealready: "If there are children in poverty living in your census tract, you don't get a velodrome." [#Boston2024](#) [#noBoston2024](#)

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[@Classymscassie](#) opens w how Long Island is slated to be archery site. Still no plans for ppl displaced from there [#noBoston2024](#) [#Boston2024](#)

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#[Boston2024](#) says they have a "policy" against displacement & so there will be no displacement. But that's not how it works. -[@MassBHSC](#)



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What, you have a problem with American Exceptionalism? [twitter.com/jonathancohn/s...](https://twitter.com/jonathancohn/s...)



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.[@Classymscassie](#): I'm here to talk about #[Boston2024](#)'s displacement prevention plan... Which they dont have.



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.[@Classymscassie](#) talks about how #[Boston2024](#) claims there will be no displacement but has no plan.



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.[@Classymscassie](#): The city's definition of "affordable housing" is based on 70 to 100% of AMI/Doesn't help people below \$48,000 #[Boston2024](#)



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.[@Classymscassie](#) talks about how the people of Vancouver voted to make sure 2/3 of housing created by the Olympics would be affordable (1/2)



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That promise, of course, was not met. They got a lot of luxury condos instead. (2/2)

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.[@Classymscassie](#) talks about the "poncho" act in lead-up to London 2012, where the city sprayed down the places where the homeless stayed.

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Displacing homeless folks prevents them from accessing the services they need.

-[@Classymscassie](#) [#Boston2024](#)

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I don't know how things are going to be sustainable if you're going to then tear it down.

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.[@Classymscassie](#): one of the most disturbing things to me about [#Boston2024](#) is that it's unclear who will own land/structures after Games.

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.[@Classymscassie](#) notes the troubling fact that [#Boston2024](#) won't say who will own the land after the Games. [#Boston2024](#) [#noBoston2024](#)

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.@Classysmascassie notes how "workforce housing" is intended for people with the income of a fireman. Won't help someone making min wage.

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Next up: Resident who lives across from Franklin Park, who has seen all the real estate speculation going on. [#Boston2024](#) [#noBoston2024](#)

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.@Classysmascassie of @MassBHSC: When [#Boston2024](#) talks about affordable housing or "workforce housing" it's not low income housing.

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Rene Bernal talks about how there is a clear collusion between business and government to displace people via the Olympics. [#Boston2024](#)

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Rene notes that the sports stars [#Boston2024](#) is bringing on aren't people who live in Boston and will be affected.

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Rene: we're seeing this idea that the Olympics will solve our problems in cities with impoverished populations, like Lawrence. [#Boston2024](#)

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Rene: the idea that the games can help impoverished cities is being sold to people like the Mayor of Lawrence.

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Rene: the messaging is that it'll bring jobs, but the reality is otherwise. [#Boston2024](#)

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Rene notes how the Olympics are being sold as an economic opportunity to low - income communities. Cites mayor of Lawrence backing the bid.

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The messaging is that this will bring well-paid jobs to our communities but the reality is otherwise. - Rene, [@CityLife\\_Clvu](#) [#Boston2024](#)

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Rene [@CityLife\\_Clvu](#): "The messaging is it will bring jobs. But it won't." [#Boston2024](#)  
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Rene: Boston doesn't need the Olympics. We have great sports here, although they're expensive and you may only be able to go once a year.

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.@CityLife\_Clvu sports stars being recruited to talk about Olympics but they might not live in Boston & won't be affected [#Boston2024](#)

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@sickjew

Sounds like the question is, sustainable for whom? [#noBoston2024](#) [#Boston2024](#)

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Rene: We don't need the Olympics. We have sports here, events so expensive you can only go once a year.

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We already have sporting events here so expensive you can only afford to go once a year. We don't need Olympics. -@CityLife\_Clvu [#Boston2024](#)

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Rene highlight how there are better uses for our money than a two week event. Cites education, transportation. [#Boston2024](#) [#noBoston2024](#)

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.@CityLife\_Clvu lot better uses for \$\$: schools, transit, etc. Instead putting \$ to Olympic bid.  
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Rene: these games only last a few weeks. What about transportation? What about schools?  
Boston wants to close five schools.

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Rene talking about just being evicted from the place where he's raised his children for ten years.  
His rent doubled. Doubled!

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Rene talk about his work organizing against eviction. Notes how landlord wanted to double his  
family's event.

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Maria Cristina Blanco from @CityLife\_Clvu talks about supporting the work fighting  
gentrification today, connecting movements [#noBoston2024](#)

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"What would it be like to be blocked from entering Franklin Park, having it be a construction site  
for a year?" [#Boston2024](#) [#noBoston2024](#)

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THE PEOPLE OF COURSE-I kid I'm sure it will be the local big developers.  
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Maria talks about how it is not just displacement from homes, but also community spaces like parks. [#Boston2024](#) [#noBoston2024](#)

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Maria of [@CityLife\\_Clvu](#): Franklin Park is really key for local kids, to be displaced from it would mean no space to play. [#Boston2024](#)

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Rene: No one is against progress, but this is not progress. [#Boston2024](#) [#noBoston2024](#)

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Another panel action shot [#noBoston2024](#) [pic.twitter.com/MixTnzaosK](https://pic.twitter.com/MixTnzaosK)

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Rene: The Games are not for me, they're not for you... Who pays?

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"We're already seeing the effects of the bid rn-- Dot has accelerated as a housing market even since January. -[@genderpizza](#) [#Boston2024](#)

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Host cities begin to phase out services so homeless folks "move on" on their own (Long Island, anyone?) -[@Classymscassie](#) [#Boston2024](#)

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Cassie: services are often phased out, rather than cut entirely, so it looks as though people leave voluntarily, rather than displacement.

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.@Classymscassie talks about how cities phase out services so that no one can accuse them of "cutting" them.

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.@Classymscassie: One thing host cities do around the time of the Games is cut off social services.

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Folks are going to leave the area to find services elsewhere bc they are being cut and likely to be cut more with [#Boston2024](#) [#noBoston2024](#)

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[@eligerzon](#) [@LADYDAY93\\_TJFGG](#) [@CityLife\\_Clvu](#) [@Boston2024](#) [@davidortiz](#) I will listen to Sports Stars when I see one taking the bus with me

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"Earth-shattering levels of housing instability for QTPOC in Atl after 1996 Games.  
-@ulikemealready [#Boston2024](#)

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Seneca talking about targeting of queer and trans POC during the Atlanta Olympics, massive human trafficking, the whole gamut. [#Boston2024](#)

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Incredibly high rates of sex-trafficking in ATL during/after the Games. -[@ulikemealready](#)  
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.[@ulikemealready](#) talks about human trafficking and expanded police presence that go along with the Olympics. [#Boston2024](#) [#noBoston2024](#)

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.[@ulikemealready](#) All thru college was on food stamps bc working 30 hrs a week only paid rent.  
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.[@ulikemealready](#) describes hardships for queer and trans community; police intervening in every aspect of life; sex trafficking.

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.[@ulikemealready](#) cites living in Olympic Village after Games & being on food stamps bc rent was so high. [#Boston2024](#)

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@DianaValerie

[@JonathanCohn](#) [@ulikemealready](#) sex trafficking accompanies every major sporting event, fail.

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.[@ulikemealready](#): "The structure of poverty in Boston is exponentially worse than it was in Atlanta."

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Structure of poverty in Boston is exponentially worse than Atlanta. Gap by very rich & very poor is huge [#noBoston2024](#) [#Boston2024](#)

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.[@ulikemealready](#): "Our communities don't have dollar signs attached." [#Boston2024](#) [#noBoston2024](#)

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This city has the largest income disparity in the nation. -[@ulikemealready](#) [@BLM\\_Boston](#) [#Boston](#) [#noBoston2024](#) [#Boston2024](#)

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Closing of Long Island Bridge was not an accident or quickly decided. [#noBoston2024](#)  
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.@ulikemealready talks about fighting the political and economic processes behind this.  
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.@ulikemealready pointing out that "malignant capitalism works so well [in Boston]."

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.@ulikemealready: Long Island wasn't an accident. This was planned for years. These dudebros wrote this in their high school year books.

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Full house at our [#noBoston2024](#) housing forum [pic.twitter.com/HGF2ZLMnzt](https://pic.twitter.com/HGF2ZLMnzt)

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.@genderpizza asks Rene and Maria to describe the gap between real community involvement and [#Boston2024](#)'s outreach.



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Maria: You have to have focus as an organization, but we also take in anyone who is willing to work with us,



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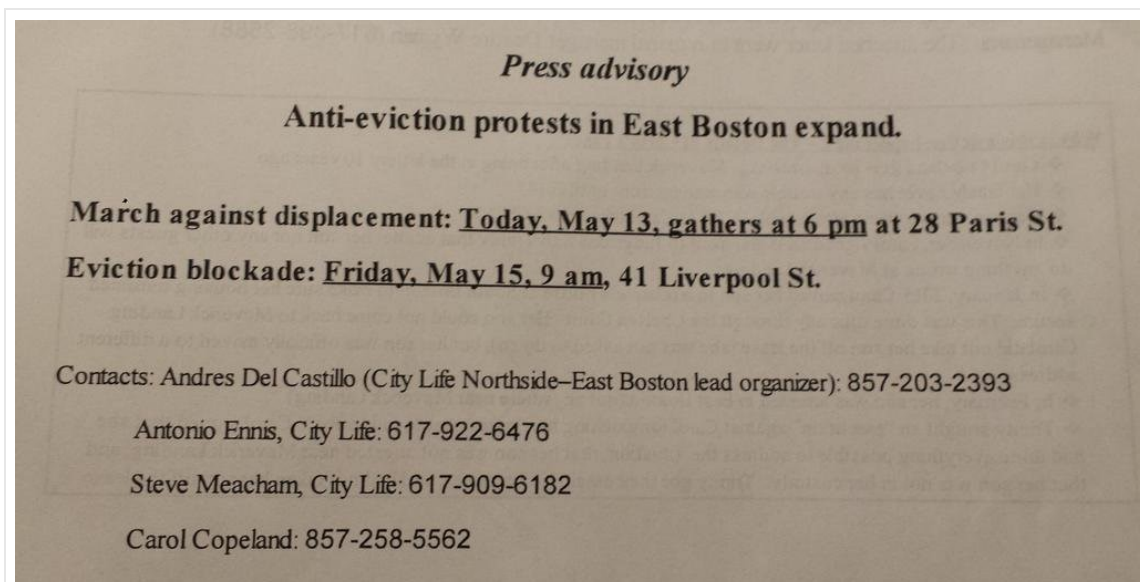


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Maria describes [@CityLife\\_Clvy](#)'s eviction blockades, and troubles in East Boston with mixed income buildings.




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East Boston tomorrow: eviction blockade in the Maverick Landing complex, 9 AM.

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Rene: Real community involvement demands an informed community. [#Boston2024](#)  
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Rene: Our organizations will have to work solidarity to make our voices heard. 9 yrs seems far away, but we have to work now. [#noBoston2024](#)

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.[@genderpizza](#) talks about surveillance cameras put in place before DNC that are still with us.  
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Audience members asks about petition & referendum: [@ulikemealready](#): "It's not enough." Cites casinos. [#Boston2024](#)



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.[@ulikemealready](#) about petitions and legal process: "It's not enough." [#Boston2024](#)  
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.[@ulikemealready](#): "As a Black person, the state does not care whether I sign a referendum. They never have." [#Boston2024](#)



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Seneca Joyner [@ulikemealready](#) describing existing housing inequality in Boston, & how [#Boston2024](#) will increase this. [pic.twitter.com/TXhWrVb1ZB](https://pic.twitter.com/TXhWrVb1ZB)



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.@ulikemealready: It's not enough. A vote enables people who won't be affected by Games to decide our fate.



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Non-violent direct action: if you don't want the Olympics, deliver your opinion en masse to Mayor Walsh's front door. #Boston2024



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**Stacey**  
@runningfierce

Referendum is NOT binding for the city. It's just a recommendation, don't have to do anything with it #noBoston2024 #Boston2024



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"We're a state & city built on white supremacy & Olympics will affect predominantly Black & brown ppl. Our votes don't matter." #Boston2024



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.@Classyscassie notes that the Olympic referendum would be non-binding. #Boston2024 won't have to listen.



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**Eli Gerzon**  
@eligerzon

"Segregation started in MA. This state is built on while supremacy." @ulikemealready @BLM\_Boston #noboston2024 #boston2024 #mapoli



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.@Classyscassie encourages people to go to the City Council hearing on Monday, Dorchester mtg on Tuesday. [#Boston2024](#) [#noBoston2024](#)

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Audience talks about how "urban renewal" has created our housing crisis, talks about how the BRA is still with us [#Boston2024](#) [#noBoston2024](#)

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Audience member: "Been in [#Boston](#) since 1979. I feel like I live in a city with juggernauts on the back of my neck." [#noBoston2024](#)

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 [@LADYDAY93 in TJ](#)  
@LADYDAY93\_TJFGG

A lot of people don't realize this. [#Boston2024](#) [#noBoston2024](#) [twitter.com/runningfierce/...](#)

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Woman talks about how the BRA has taken away power from City Council, damaged democratic process. [#noBoston2024](#)

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Poor ppl are going to bear the brunt of it: pollution, costs, displacement, etc - audience member [#noBoston2024](#) [#Boston2024](#)

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Can't just sign petitions, need to put our bodies there too. Need to show up. - audience member  
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Audience member encourages people who can to put their bodies on the line to protect our city.  
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JP tenant describes legislation that would prevent evictions without legit reason--not just evictions to subsidize profits.

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I just want to say that if Dan The Bagel Man follows you out of this panel and starts talking to you, he is speaking only for himself. Kthx

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"We're up against so much wealth & power, petitions won't do anything. We need to exercise our people power." [#Boston2024](#)

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"They don't care about homeless people. They do not care." Current speaker re: the powerful people in Boston.

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Gerry Scoppettuolo points out the need for big actions with people power. Asks panel for advice and guidance.

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This is not just about information. This is about mobilization. Let's start taking direct action. NOW. [#Boston2024](#)

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.@ulikemealready: Its,not just about information. We need action, mobilization. Shut the city down til they are as aggrieved as we are.

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Rene [@CityLife\\_Clvu](#) speaking on the need for community organizing, at [@no\\_boston2024](#) panel on [#Olympics](#) displacement [pic.twitter.com/qNtE4QA21K](https://pic.twitter.com/qNtE4QA21K)

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.[@ulikemealready](#): "If you don't speak up now, the history books will say that you loved it."  
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Alex: [Alexa](#)  
[@Alexa1018](#)

Notes from [#NoBoston2024](#) meeting on [#displacement](#) & [#homelessness](#): (most of this is paraphrased. If I... [fb.me/2ADDQFhQR](https://fb.me/2ADDQFhQR)

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Here's a photo from the start of the night: packed house! [#NoBoston2024](#) [#Boston2024](#)  
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Very happy with the turnout tonight at our [#NoBoston2024](#) housing forum and with the quality of the panel. Thanks to all for coming!

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Thanks again to [@genderpizza](#) for moderating the forum tonight!

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Thanks again to [@BLM\\_Boston](#), [@MassBHSC](#), and [@CityLife\\_Clvu](#) for a great panel tonight!

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