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Well, It Depends on What You Mean by "Conversation"

The Community "Conversation" on Boston 2024 Hosted by State Senator Jason Lewis in Malden

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Malden, like Boston, is holding entirely one-sided panel about [#Boston2024](#).

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.[@SenJasonLewis](#), if you want to have a "conversation" about [#Boston2024](#), then you should have both sides represented.

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Nikko pretending that they care about public input. If they did, they would have sought it before bidding. [#Boston2024](#)

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I forgot to note how [@SenJasonLewis](#) was shamelessly flattering Davey. [#Boston2024](#)

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Their "nothing to do with the bid, just PR" is an Olympic swimmer. [#Boston2024](#)

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Olympian is talking about the Charles River, which won't actually be an Olympic venue. Oh.
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In case anybody thought [#Boston2024](#)'s 'apology' for screwy process was somehow authentic.
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Yes, my Olympian friend, you will see a "city transformed".... by surveillance and gentrification.
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"For people who want to ask us privately instead of publicly....." [#Boston2024](#)

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No, you did not get the "early" right in process. You did this without consent. Deal breaker.
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Why does [#Boston2024](#) think it's okay to only seek consent from the people of Boston after the IOC casts its first round vote?

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"Independent" economic analysis....lol. [#Boston2024](#), lol

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The economic development is short-lived and negligible, if extant, and it flows to the top.
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Davey saying that the Atlanta and SLC games turned a profit, something contradicted by many economists. [#Boston2024](#)

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Conveniently, Davey doesn't mention the federal bailout for the SLC games. [#Boston2024](#)

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Davey talking about the pool that Franklin Park doesn't actually want. [#Boston2024](#)

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You don't need an Olympics for cultural exchange. Our universities are top in the nation at it.
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If you spread the venues across the state, they are not walkable. [#Boston2024](#)

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Davey talking about having towns "adopt" Olympic committees. Uh.... [#Boston2024](#)

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Davey crediting London tourism rise to London 2012, but tourism fell during the games.
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Studies on tourism and the Olympics show that sports tourists just displace other tourists.
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"Most walkable games in modern history" "environmentally sustainable" Promises made each
time.... [#Boston2024](#)

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Stop calling it Midtown. There is already a Midtown. It's Downtown Crossing area. [#Boston2024](#)

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Do you know who won't be walking? The IOC and the athletes, who will be getting their own traffic lanes. [#Boston2024](#)

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"We call it a proof of concept, but it's really a vision." Oh, ffs [#Boston2024](#)

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"Boston itself is the Olympic Park." Translated: Your whole city will become a police state. [#Boston2024](#)

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As a Maldonian, I'm upset that Mayor Christenson would support what would have detrimental effects on surrounding communities [#NoBoston2024](#)

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Sailing in Buzzard's Bay, golf at Brookline Country Club, and Gillette Stadium....venues being considered. [#Boston2024](#)

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I love how they so easily bumped the budget from \$4.5 billion in January to \$9.1 billion now. [#Boston2024](#)

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This budget chart reminds me of how they calculate profit acc to OCOG budget, ignoring capital budget. [#Boston2024](#)



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Davey saying that they want to go ahead with forcing out New Boston Food Market even if they don't win. [#Boston2024](#)



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[@no_boston2024](#) It's still only halfway there without taking inflation and straight up thievery into account. \$18B is more like it.



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"Both military and security for our athletes..." [#Boston2024](#)



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Accidentally started tweeting out of the other account open, but would have retweeted it anyway.



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"Londoners changed their mind." Davey talking about London pumping money into finding new use for stadium. [#Boston2024](#)



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No one will sell you that insurance plan, Davey. [#Boston2024](#)

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IOC bid due January 2016, long before people of Boston will be getting a vote acc to [@marty_walsh](#) ([@dank](#)) and [#Boston2024](#).

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The referendum will probably be written so as to mean nothing. [#Boston2024](#)

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"We want to hear from as many people as possible." But you don't want to answer them. [#Boston2024](#)

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[@_greenlove_](#) [@JonathanCohn](#) There seems little/no outreach to alert locals of mtgs. As if those not following [#Boston2024](#) on sm don't matter.

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First questioner notes her main concern is about use of taxpayer \$s, notes history of Silver Dome in hometown of Pontiac, MI [#Boston2024](#)

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.@chipgoines @no_boston2024 You say raise money, I say float a bond backed by the taxpayer. #Boston2024 has that ring to it. Cha ching!

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.@pemiblu @_greenlove_ Always far fewer people at these meetings. About 80 here #Boston2024

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Friend who lives in Malden described town's mayor as "king of privatization." #Boston2024

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10s of thousands of volunteers....unpaid labor harnessed for corporate profit. #Boston2024

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I'm pretty sure that only a small % of their 1200 volunteers really do anything. #Boston2024

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"What are some sacrifices the Committee expects Bostonians to make?" #Boston2024

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Davey notes that traffic into the city goes down during the Olympics, which means losses for small businesses. [#Boston2024](#)

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"Can we have that in writing?" guy asks when Davey says they aren't seeking public money. [#Boston2024](#)

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Davey claims that the principles they printed in the Globe counts as "in writing." Guy says he wants a law. [#Boston2024](#)

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Guy notes he opposes the Olympics, calls it a "traveling circus." [#Boston2024](#)

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A sophisticated plan, including multiple layers of insurance, is put in place to protect the city and state from financial risk.*

***But Mayor Walsh is still expected to sign IOC demand that the city financially back Olympics in the event of cost overruns or private financing falls through. This is why we use language similar to those fabulous credit default swaps.**

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Guy notes that it seems disingenuous that their Olympic athlete just gave a speech and left, showed no interest in staying. [#Boston2024](#)

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Davey again comparing Olympics to the Marathon, which only a one day event. [#Boston2024](#)

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Guy notes that hosting the Olympics in Boston is a horrible idea, case if misplaced priorities. [#Boston2024](#)

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Guy bringing up the Big Dig, notes underinvestment in transportation. [#Boston2024](#)

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Guy notes that in ten years, Boston will just be rich people and those who serve them food.
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Guy asks about discounts for seniors. Davey said no. He is at a senior center. [#Boston2024](#)

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Nikko talking about jumbotrons as being just like real experience. [#Boston2024](#)

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Woman notes that Dot Ave, their Olympic Blvd, is densely populated area with lots of people and lots of businesses. [#Boston2024](#)

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Woman notes that [#Boston2024](#) seems ignorant about impact on everyday life of people affected. [#Boston2024](#)

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Don't be so pessimistic. They'll also need dog walkers, manicurists, maids, gardeners, masseuses, and publicists. twitter.com/jonathancohn/s...

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Woman notes that transportation investment would be geared toward needs of Olympics, not Eastern Massachusetts. [#Boston2024](#)

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Woman notes that if the only way we can get MBTA investment is through an Olympics, we have a major problem. [#Boston2024](#)

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AHAHA the smarm is strong with this one RT [@JonathanCohn](#): Nikko talking about jumbotrons as being just like real experience. [#Boston2024](#)

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Guy asking about these "public - private partnerships" and the land grab in Widett Circle. [#Boston2024](#)

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Forgot to mention that Davey has never been to an Olympics before. [#Boston2024](#)

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Question: Would you support allowing each community designated for a venue take a vote on it?
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Davey conflating mayor + chamber of commerce with "community" in his answer. [#Boston2024](#)



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"The Olympic Village is over a flight path." [#Boston2024](#)



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Needs own holiday, otherwise city couldn't function--no getting to work, no deliveries. 3wks of this for [#Boston2024](#) twitter.com/JonathanCohn/s...



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2004 Boston Democratic Convention made big promises for local businesses just like [#Boston2024](#). Huge losses instead. twitter.com/JonathanCohn/s...



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Visual representation of the [#Boston2024](#) meetings: a complaint jar sitting on top of a furnace



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