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A Carnival of Mansplaining: Boston 2024 Comes to Cambridge

Boston 2024 Speaks to a "Community of People" at CRLS (3/18)

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At the [#Boston2024](#) dog-and-pony show in Cambridge

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Where are Fish and Davey?

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I had a question for Fish. I guess I'll have to wait until another meeting. :(

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Nikko talks about Manfredi's commitment to sustainability and environmental preservation. Lol
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"We take the public process very seriously." Then why didn't start before you submitted the bid?
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"We will make sure that any space we use is better afterwards." Whose definition of "better"?
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"Catalyst" "power of sport" Good I'm not doing a drinking game!

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Nikko Mendoza of [#Boston2024](#) tells people not to think about the inconvenience of a few weeks and "think bold." Find that dismissive.

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Those children look so happy because of all that innovation and transformative power of sports.
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Another personal narrative. I'm glad that sports helped this guy, but that has nothing to do with the Olympics. [#NoBoston2024](#)

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[@JonathanCohn](#) I am thinking bold. We need antipoverty and anti-homelessness programs. We don't need [#Olympics](#)

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I wonder if each of these kids' parents consented to their image being used this way.
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More power of sport talk. Let's fund youth sports programs instead. Let's give BPS students gym programs [#Boston2024](#)

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You can never build something you don't need sustainably. [#NoBoston2024](#)

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Manfredi is talking about "repurposing" venues. But who is paying for that? [#NoBoston2024](#)

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We have an affordable housing crisis. We need to address that for today, not for 9 years away.
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[@HestrPryn](#) Well, fwiw, they don't have Fish and Davey here

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The Olympics can never be sustainable. "Less unsustainable," perhaps. But there's a key difference. [#NoBoston2024](#)

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I just learned that 34 miles of VIP [#Boston2024](#) lanes closed to traffic 3wks won't be an inconvenience-it'll be a "perceived inconvenience"

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[@caulkthewagon](#) [@JonathanCohn](#) looks like a stock photo

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Manfredi says they've planned for transit in 2024 and beyond, but has zero examples.
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"Proof of concept"! Drink!

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This map has a pinkish overlay of Boston. Makes me think of some weird radiation problem descending on the city.

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The pink overlay on this map makes it unintelligible.

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Stop trying to make Midtown happen, [#Boston2024](#). It's not going to happen.

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"Sustainable, repurposable, and modular housing that can be moved wherever needed." Doesn't sound sustainable to me. [#Boston2024](#)

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Manfredi talks about repurposing the stadium for smaller events, but such repurposing has proven very expensive in London. [#Boston2024](#)

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Manfredi searching for numbers he lost. Symbolic in a way. [#Boston2024](#)

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What's happening to summer school students at these universities? [#Boston2024](#)

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Catalyst. Drink! [#Boston2024](#)

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[#Boston2024](#) hinting that the BRA would take Widett Circle by eminent domain, declaring it beneficial to Boston

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Widett Circle is near a hospital, a homeless shelter, and level 4 biolab. [#Boston2024](#)

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"If the federal government doesn't provide security funding, we will never host the games again."
Good! [#Boston2024](#)

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National Special Security Events mean say goodbye to your civil liberties. [#Boston2024](#)

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Remember that the [#Boston2024](#) security consultant is a supporter of "enhanced interrogation techniques." [#thinkbold](#)

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If this transportation investment would happen anyway, then its economic benefits can't be credited to [#Boston2024](#).

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Reminder: Olympic villages in Vancouver & London, private developers bailed, taxpayers were on hook for hundreds of millions [#Boston2024](#)

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Infrastructure experts always complain that US costs are higher than European costs, contrary to what [#Boston2024](#) says.

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If your car breaks down you don't buy an F35 as a "catalyst." We need t improvements NOW [#Boston2024](#)

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"We're in a good place to deliver the games without any further infrastructure upgrades" - [@Boston2024](#)

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Another word that doesn't mean what I thought "arrangements" BRA will make arrangements for property at Widette Circ=take via Eminent Domain



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The security cost question for municipalities is who will pay the costs of backfilling law enforcement detailed to the games. [#Boston2024](#)



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[#Boston2024](#) is psyched about security! Guys it's gonna be an NSSE! That means we're special!



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[#Boston2024](#) to English dictionary: "Others" A quasi public entity will take care of it, so that'll be paid for by others. Others=Taxpayers



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[@JonathanCohn](#) I keep wanting a slow, clear recitation of what they are promising to pay for. It's nothing.



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Cost overruns an "interesting term." boosters claiming London 3x overrun was an opportunity due to greater income. Wtf #Boston2024



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@JonathanCohn #Boston2024 wants us to give up land, and accept massive risk, in exchange for 'exposure'. That's what we are promised.



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Agenda 2020 is toothless by the way. #Boston2024



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The Atlanta Games had a \$10 million surplus. That was 0.56%. You could make more with a savings account. #NoBoston2024



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#Boston2024 @haydenhbird Who is their insurer?



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Just mentioned "the kids," where [@Fara1](#) when you need him [#Boston2024](#)
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[#Boston2024](#) is touting the U Mass study, ignoring the caveats and risks.

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[@haydenbird](#) Again Los Angeles was in a unique position of being the only city willing to host. Had the upper hand with IOC.

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I'm a museum employee and I've never heard of the Cultural Olympiad. Have you? I know tourism to museums falls games summer [#Boston2024](#)

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[#Boston2024](#) to English dictionary: Overrun "It's not a cost overrun, it's an increase in scope"
Overrun=paid by taxpayers regardless of name

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[@cblechman](#) [@no_boston2024](#) and all of that wiped out over nine year's loss of opportunity costs to those areas affected by [#Boston2024](#) bid.

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We can have four years of cultural events leading up to 2024 without hosting the games. We can have nine years of it! [#Boston2024](#)

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You don't need the Olympics to have cultural exchange. [#Boston2024](#)

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First question: Do you have any investments that return less than 2.5%. The Olympic returns have been much less. [#Boston2024](#)

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Questioner asks about "crazy" compensation for consultants like Deval. [#Boston2024](#)

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Questioner: Generally the people who go to the events are not the ones who live nearby.
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Questioner (from Cambridge City Council) notes that allocation of funds doesn't mean project gets done. #Boston2024



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Great questions from @DennisCarlone who is willing to say, I don't get it, how does a lead to b
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@JonathanCohn that's City Councillor @DennisCarlone



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City Councilor notes that all \$9B could go to affordable housing and MBTA. #Boston2024



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"83 acres of developable land...well-served by transit" Manfredi slobbering over Widett Circle land grab. [#NoBoston2024](#)

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"It could have a higher (affordable housing) requirement. It could have a different requirement." So lower? [#Boston2024](#)

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Manfredi's implying that only 15% of this new housing will be affordable. [#Boston2024](#)

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Embarrassingly sparse clapping for the "We only get this money BC of the Olympics." [#Boston2024](#)

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Manfredi praising the gentrification of Brooklyn right now. [#Boston2024](#)

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Someone from the Homeless Solidarity Committee: "2 million people have been displaced over past 25 years BC of Olympics." [#Boston2024](#)

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"You say that you have a no displacement policy. But you don't have a plan." [#Boston2024](#)

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Doug Arnot is totally mansplaining to the HSC girl and is very aggressive. [#Boston2024](#)

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Rep from the boston homeless commission is killing it with facts and [@Boston2024](#) is being condescending [#Boston2024](#)

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She notes the apartment building demolished for Olympics in London. Arnot lies and says it didn't. [#Boston2024](#)

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[@JonathanCohn](#) he's been condescending and aggressive all evening

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"There's no water in California" [#Boston2024](#)

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Questioner notes that we have more important things to deal with in this country: climate change, inequality, etc. [#Boston2024](#)

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Blind athlete is talking about his personal story again. It again has nothing to do with hosting the Olympics. [#Boston2024](#)

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I feel for this athlete's story but we're not talking about being Olympians. We're talking about the city's future [#Boston2024](#)

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If athletics had such an impact, then invest in youth athletics, school athletics rather than [#Boston2024](#).

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Arnot digs [#Boston2024](#)'s hole deeper w/every condescending doublespeak reply. The more public outreach they do, the more support they lose.

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Manfredi talking about using Long Island without noting the massive displacement that just happened bc of closing shelters there [#Boston2024](#)

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Cambridge crowd willing to call out @Boston2024 on not really answering questions. Go Cambridge! #NoBoston2024



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@JonathanCohn someone should mention that 30% of Boston schools have no gymnasium and 50% have no gym class



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.@cblechman @Boston2024 on climate change, too



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Questioner: "How can we trust you? You are a private, unelected group led by the biggest developer in the New England." #Boston2024



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Questioner: "There are hundreds of jobs in Widett Circle. It's not just where you go when your car is towed." #Boston2024



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"If you build a house and tear it down, how is that sustainable?" #Boston2024



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"Just because you make much more money than I do as a teacher" doesn't mean you can ignore us. [#Boston2024](#)



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Questioner notes he spends man hours a week volunteering as a coach. He could do a lot more for kids with less \$ than [#Boston2024](#)



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[#Boston2024](#) always claims that they met with Widett Circle businesses pre-bid submission when press claims otherwise. [#Boston2024](#)



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Chris, a teacher from JP, approaches the bench to show [#Boston2024](#) their own words in the [@BostonGlobe](#) [pic.twitter.com/iiD6K6LZCg](https://twitter.com/iiD6K6LZCg)



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Architectural historian expresses concerns about impact on crowds, security, venues, etc., on monuments. [#Boston2024](#)

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Marilee Meyer, architecture historian, calls out historic preservation in the face of [#Boston2024](#) asks if new venues will be "shoehorned" in

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"In many cases the architect is doing a monument to himself" - Marilee Meyer [#Boston2024](#) what say you, Manfredi?

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Architectural historian talking about how Quincy Market is pushing out food vendors for wine bars and hotels. [#Boston2024](#)

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Architectural historian's question focused on preserving fabric of Boston. Very well thought out [#Boston2024](#)

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Someone from Homeless Solidarity Committee brings up Long Island displacement.
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I forgot to mention one of my favorite awkward phrases from tonight: "a community of people"
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[@stannenb](#) thinking the same!

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Guy notes that the Olympics is almost ten years away, but we need MBTA upgrades now.
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Dan: [Daniel Wright](#)
@DanSWright

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[@haydenbird](#) did Arnot mention the time he was convicted of assault while running Salt Lake City [@Olympics](#)? Spent some jail time.

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Guy asks why the Olympics is the only place to talk about transportation, we deserve better.
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Old guy talks about how corruption, greed, and commercialism destroyed the Olympics.
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"They corrupted it" an eloquent man posits about the Olympics. Has vivid memories of games before 80, but not modern ones [#Boston2024](#)

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question asked at every mtg, not answered. Not heeded by PTB. RT [@haydenhbird](#): Questioner asks bluntly "how can we trust you?" [#Boston2024](#)

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Volunteer talks about how volunteers run the games. The IOC is rich. Why are they using volunteers?????? [#Boston2024](#)

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"Volunteers run the games...they get job experience" - [#Boston2024](#) supporter. So do unpaid interns...

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Davi [David Kaib](#)
@DavidKaib

[@JonathanCohn](#) You don't stay rich by paying people for stuff, Jonathan



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Ltrs to feds! RT [@JonathanCohn](#): "If federal government doesn't provide security funding, we will never host games again." [#Boston2024](#)



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[@JonathanCohn](#) are the volunteer gigs considered "jobs?"



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[@JonathanCohn](#) "Boston2024 says "community of people"? vs a community of what? birds? zombies? aliens? [#noBoston2024](#)



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Woman advocates for global location for Olympic Games. [#Boston2024](#)



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"I've never seen a landscape with 10 or 20,000 people on it that wasn't worse afterwards."
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MT [@cblechman](#): More "power of sport" talk. Let's fund youth sports progs instead + give BPS + MA students gym [#NoBoston2024](#) [@MAPublicHealth](#)



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Woman urges [#Boston2024](#) to reconsider using historical and cultural sites like Boston Common and Franklin Park



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More opposition to beach volleyball on the common "I've never seen a landscape that had 20000 people on it that wasn't worse off" [#Boston2024](#)



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Doug Arnot, the aggressive Olympic adviser, assaulted a pedestrian at the Salt Lake City games. [#Boston2024](#)



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[@JonathanCohn](#) Impossible to get real [#s](#) of displaced in China because they imprisoned ppl who tried to talk about it. [#Boston2024](#)



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Omg, Nikko asked Arnot about his experience with pedestrian, and I'm dying of laughter. [#Boston2024](#)



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The only way [#Boston2024](#) will listen to you is if you pony up \$50k for their elitist, snobby Founders 100 Club. bostonglobe.com/business/2015/...

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Good question ([@effigies](#) ?): "Do we really want to turn our street corners into check points?"
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YESSS RT [@haydenbird](#): Questioner "not interested in talking to [#Boston2024](#)" so turns his back on them and addresses the crowd. [#Boston2024](#)

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Question to audience: How can we move from symbolic opposition to active interference and litigation? [#Boston2024](#)

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Arnot responds, "while you may not want to hear from us, we want to hear from you."
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Arnot is the dictionary definition of smarmy. [#Boston2024](#)

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I did this, too: RT @haydenhbird: Questioner "not interested in talking to #Boston2024" turns back on them & addresses crowd. #Boston2024



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Was laughing at #LRT



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"How could the proposal to host the Olympics in Boston Common even get out there?"
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Doug Arnot can't or won't answer a single change they've made to the bid. #Boston2024



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LRT: The SLC Olympics were also a free-for-all of corruption, even worse than other Olympics: no one from SLC 2002 should be an advisor.



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How adorable. RT @haydenhbird: Arnot responds, "while you may not want to hear from us, we want to hear from you." #Boston2024



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Girl notes that there are summer classes, pre-sessions at these colleges during this time.
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I love you, Cambridge. You're asking tough questions of [#Boston2024](#), holding them accountable when they refuse to answer you. Keep it up.

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Woman notes, "Harvard and MIT aren't known for their athletes...." [#Boston2024](#)

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Guy commenting on a quote from Davey: "In crisis, decisions get made, but they are often bad decisions." [#Boston2024](#)

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Guy notes that unless "no public funds" is legally binding, there is no incentive for them to adhere. [#Boston2024](#)

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"Anything short of that (a legislative guarantee against public funding), you'll never have my support" [#Boston2024](#)



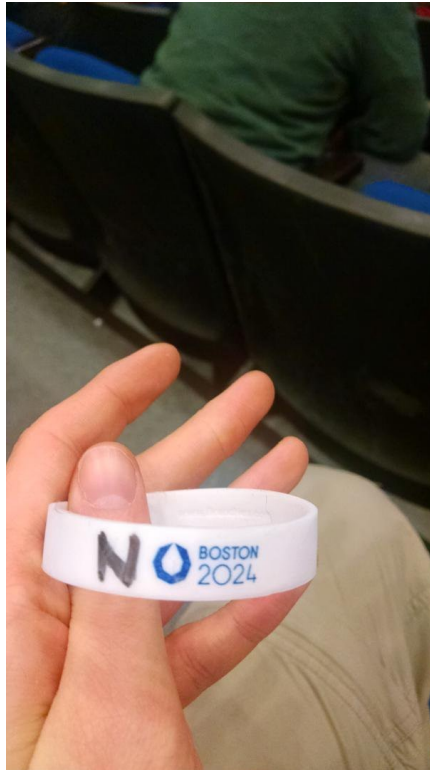
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Guy notes that Rich Davey doesn't have a very good track record at the T. [#Boston2024](#)

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.[@pemiblu](#)e about Widett Circle: Who would be paying for this land, and at what cost? And what will be done afterwards? [#Boston2024](#)

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.[@pemiblu](#)e repeats, "Who will control the land after the games?" [#Boston2024](#)

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.[@pemiblu](#)e: Why hasn't there been a referendum as an automatic part of the process as there was in Germany? [#Boston2024](#)

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Occ: [McCallister Crowley](#)
@Occupocalypse

[@JonathanCohn](#) [@pemiblu](#)e I'm gonna go out on a limb here but let me guess, no real answer to this question?

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[Todd Rowell](#)
@onlyanumber

Maybe the Olympics here could have been cool if we'd had a truly community bid. But clearly the wrong people are running [#Boston2024](#).

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.@pemiblu: "This is a carnival. In a democracy, we vote." [#Boston2024](#)

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.@stannenb highlights contrasts re: permitting between bid book and what [#Boston2024](#) is saying.

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The [#Boston2024](#) bid book refers to omnibus state legislation to override local permitting process. [#Boston2024](#)

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.@Occupocalypse @pemiblu Correct!

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caul [Robin](#)
@caulkthewagon

Go girl! RT [@JonathanCohn](#): .@pemiblu: "This is a carnival. In a democracy, we vote." [#Boston2024](#)

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Thank you to [@effigies](#), [@pemiblu](#), and [@stannenb](#) for asking great questions? [#Boston2024](#)

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Arnot is just so smarmy. [#Boston2024](#)

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[Claire Blechman](#)
@cblechman

Doug Arnott claims the [#ioc](#) guarantee is not financial. It definitely is. Rio bid has 14 financial guarantees [#Boston2024](#)

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hayc [Hayden Bird](#)
@haydenbird

Arnot asks if a meeting like this happens without [#Boston2024](#), vocal opponent shouts they'd be solving transportation issue instead.

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"There's nothing less sustainable than a disposal Olympics." - U Mass professor [#Boston2024](#)

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U Mass professor notes lack of clarity about environmental and economic impacts.
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UMass prof notes that "walkability" is not the same as "transit - oriented." Walking is free, but transit is not. [#Boston2024](#)

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He continues to talk about degradation of the word sustainability, notes a rotating event can't be sustainable. [#Boston2024](#)

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Some belated tweets about the questions I got to ask at the [#Boston2024](#) meeting.

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(1) I find it amusing that they know my name. When I went up, Nikko Mendoza said, "Hi, Jonathan" before I started.

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(2) I asked [#Boston2024](#) why they need volunteers given how much money the IOC has, etc.

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And I noted how insulting it is to ask people to volunteer when real jobs are needed given high poverty rate, unemployment. [#Boston2024](#)

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(3) Then I noted how it's great that [#Boston2024](#) has a rhetorical commitment to diversity of all kinds, incl. "Economic circumstance" (1/2)

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But in the [#Boston2024](#) exec committee, the only diversity of econ circumstance us bw those who make 6 figures and those who make 7 (2/2)

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There was a lot of laughter after that last question from the audience, and Doug Arnot smiled. But no answers to either q [#Boston2024](#)

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But with that comment, I got the last word of the night (apart from the closing)

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