



"THANK YOU, NO GAMES!" COMMENTS FROM OUR WEB SITE & OTHER FORUMS

Thursday, October 1, 2009 10:33 AM
From: Robert G
To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!

NO CHICAGO OLYMPICS!!!

Seriously, man much love to you guys and all your hard work from us here in South Chicago. We know you guys had an influence and we applaud you for having the courage to stand up!

-Robert

Friday, October 2, 2009 10:27 AM
"Kimberly S.
To: "Tom Tresser" <tom@tresser.com>

Dear Tom and The Entire No Games Team:

Thank you for all of your hard work.

Best, Kimberly S.

Friday, October 2, 2009 10:28 AM
From: "Michele S.
To: "Thomas Tresser

Wow, Tom, Congratulations!! Michele

Friday, October 2, 2009 10:36 AM
From: "Dan C.>
To: nogameschicago@gmail.com
Chicago lost! I mean, won!

http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D9B31N402&show_article=1&catnum=0
I mean, you know what I mean.

Best regards,
Dan C.
Hot Metal Media

"Congrats on the huge win, you worked so hard!"

Friday, October 2, 2009 10:56 AM
From: "Chuck M.

CONGRATULATIONS TOM!

As late as yesterday, folks in city hall were telling me it was a lock.

Do you know anything about a complaint against Chicago made by Rio based on inappropriate comments made by Mayor Daley?

Tom, we'd be honored to start our show tomorrow, Thanks again for all your hard work. Congratulations. We hope to hear from you soon.

Chuck M.
Friday, October 2, 2009 11:09 AM

From: "Lun Ye

To: nogames_discussion@googlegroups.com

CONGRATULATIONS IN DEED!!!!!!

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Lun Ye

Friday, October 2, 2009 11:09 AM
From: "Roger K

Thanks Tom.. and everyone else involved.

Roger

Friday, October 2, 2009 11:36 AM
From: "Judy B

WOW! First round. Who'd a thunk it?

Thanks, Tom, for all your energy, dedication, foresight on this. There will be some very tired and maybe angry "village elders" returning soon--I just hope they focus their efforts on handling the youth crime.

Thanks again for everything you have done for this effort.

Most sincerely,
Judy B

Friday, October 2, 2009 11:55 AM
From: "Robert N.

Congratulations!

I did send a respectful note to Mark Adams and assured him that the tax "paying" people of the United States would oppose funding from now till 2016!

Am pretty sure that a few of my friends sent some thoughts too.

I sent another note this morning thanking the IOC for the proper action toward the Chicago bid.

Again, congratulations, and Thank You!

Robert N
Clearwater, FL

Friday, October 2, 2009 11:57 AM

From: "Liane C

SO SO GOOD YOU DID IT, GIRL AND DESERVE ALL KINDS OF PRAISE. WELL DONE. COME BACK SOON AND LET'S TALK. LOVE, LIANE

Friday, October 2, 2009 12:00 PM

From: "Facebook"

Kathleen K. commented on your status:

"Tom, you are amazing. Clearly you represented that 84% of Chicagoans well. Wait, you beat the President! What does this mean?!"

From: Lorraine S >
Hi, Tom,

Friday, October 2, 2009 12:05 PM

I don't know if you're a drinking man, but I hope you and your colleagues are enjoying a very expensive bottle of champagne and seeing the sites of Copenhagen. I read your very generous statement giving credit to all of the organizations that helped stop Chicago's bid to host the Olympics. No Games Chicago led the efforts in waging an incredible grass roots campaign. My Facebook and Twitter friends (full disclosure: malcontents like myself) are over the moon! Now let's vote out King Daley and Club 50 in 2011! You are the man to lead the charge.

Friday, October 2, 2009 12:42 PM

From John C

Congratulations to all of the No Gamers. This is truly an extraordinary example of how grassroots based organizing, education, and rational clear thinking can defeat the powerful corporate interests of the Democratic Corporate Machine. Even President Obama could not win the votes but we did.

The people have spoken. The bid failed most probable because City Hall and its Big Winner Take all mentality could not build grassroots support. They did try though, after NO GAMES entered the picture.

Congratulations to Tom and Bob and everyone. I and my family and friends and the working people of Chicago thank you, from preventing Chicago, from becoming a city and playground for the global rich.

I hope the No Games coalition, can now start the work of continuing our movement for community control and participation. Who knows, maybe Tom can run for Mayor.

In Solidarity
John C
Rogers Park Activist

Hip-hip Hurray!!Friday, October 2, 2009 1:03 PM

"Katharine B

Dear Tom,

You must be feeling pretty damn good right now. Congratulations on all your hard work. BRAVO for a job well done...

Katharine

Friday, October 2, 2009 1:27 PM
From: "Laura W

So now can we organize for better hospitals, housing, culture, schools and trains?

Laura W

Friday, October 2, 2009 1:45 PM
From: "Harry B

Congratulations and thank you! Due, in a large part to your efforts, Chicago will not be burdened with the 2016 Olympics. I will be making a donation next week, when the Chicago Board of Education finally pays me some money they've owed be since December, 2008. Again, on behalf of the people of Chicago, thank you, thank you very much!!!

Friday, October 2, 2009 1:59 PM
From: "Penny S>

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

YOU DID A GREAT JOB AND THE CITY THANKS YOU.

Friday, October 2, 2009 2:01 PM
From: "Bob Z

Tom - Thank you for best representing the interests of the people of Chicago. Your factual, pragmatic, and realistic defense of not hosting the 2016 Summer Games was, of course, correct and ultimately victorious. You essentially represented the majority of the people in the most effective means possible.

Thank you,
Bob Zuley, Chicago, IL

Friday, October 2, 2009 2:13 PM
From: "HERBERT C

Now can we all finally wake up to the fact that the Chicago lakefront public park system is our jewel in the crown and the Mayor and the Park District should be paying honest attention to expanding the diminishing area of open clear and free park acreage and making the repairs and restoration that has been allowed to fester while the administration had its head in political flapdoodle.

Friday, October 2, 2009 2:28 PM
From: Michael G

Congratulations!

Michael G

Friday, October 2, 2009 2:34 PM

From: "David D

Tom,

Job well done! Congratulations on saving the taxpayers of Chicago and Illinois lots of \$\$\$!

Chicago . . . knocked out in round #1! Great job!

Now if we can get Chicago to focus on just three areas with the same commitment of time, money and resources that they did to land the Olympics we can improve the city of Chicago.

Focus on:

1. The family - roughly 75% of children are born out of wedlock in Chicago.
2. Respect and reverence for LIFE. It's not a gun problem, stupid. It's a problem of respect for the value of life. In Cook County alone, there are close to 25,000 abortions a year. That throw-away, discard mentality with abortion permeates society with a culture of disrespect for humanity. In 2008, Chicago was the murder capital of the United States with 510 murders. We as a society and city do NOT respect and value life. The spirit of abortion contributes to a culture of death.
3. Education. 8% of 8th graders in the CPS can read at or above grade level. 50% dropout rate. 6% of 9th graders will earn a college degree 9 years out from now. It's not a money problem. It's not a facility problem. It is a parental/adult involvement and engagement problem. Show me a good school, and I will show you a high level of parent involvement and engagement.

Throw your resources at:

1. Strengthening the traditional family unit.
2. Promoting a greater respect and reverence for LIFE.
3. Improving education

You improve education by:

1. Parent involvement
2. Firing the bottom 10-15% of teacher annually, and providing merit pay for the top 35% of teachers
3. Reduce the power and influence of the teachers UNION

Again, **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Best,

David

Friday, October 2, 2009 2:35 PM

From: Terry R

Subject: Congratulations!

They said it couldn't be done....they did not know about Tom Tresser!!

Thanks from the millions of minions!

Terry

PS...check your back

Friday, October 2, 2009 3:55 PM

From: Carol J

When you get back can we please have a get together...paid admission....to celebrate our work and meet other members of no games Chicago ?



congratulations !!
thank you !!!!!!!

Friday, October 2, 2009 4:14 PM
From: "Martin Slavin

Please pass on my gratitude and congratulations to everyone at No Games Chicago for outstanding work in helping to defeat the Olympic scam from being awarded to your city's greed coalition.

I have filled in your online survey about what to do next by suggesting:

- 1 Celebrate your victory and carry the movement of the people forwards.
- 2 Carry on critiquing and exposing the projects of the greed coalition.
- 3 Build your networks which encourage and support local activists in working for a sustainable city by developing their own plans for their neighbourhood and their city.
- 4 Shift from a critical campaigning bias to constructive and proactive workshopping networks based on the common ground discovered collectively in the view of the city from below.
- 5 Contribute to the international networks struggling to bring about the dream of the sustainable city as a precious presence for all.

Martin Slavin
Games Monitor, England

Nothing Happened?
Friday, October 2, 2009 4:51 PM
From: "Helen M

I was at Chicago & State at 11:57 am Friday. No cheers. No boos. No one was talking about Olympics, even those looking at Blackberrys.

Got on the Red Line. Crowded. A game at Wrigley Field. Loads of conversations going on. Not one was about the Olympics. Stayed on the El all the way to Linden on the Purple Line. Still not one word.

Did we have an "event" pushed by the media -- because they didn't want to make the Mayor angry ?
Something real people couldn't care less about ??

Helen

Where would you like the victory parade?

Friday, October 2, 2009 4:58 PM
From: "Daniel B

Right down the middle of La Salle St. and a couple of times around City Hall would be just perfect !

Congratulations to Tom and the No Games Crew for kicking Daley in the nuts !

The City of Chicago has let loose a sigh of epic relief in the knowledge that this may be the beginning of the long awaited revolution which will topple Daley and his corrupt minions and return the city to the people which he stole it from.

We are celebrating at the Hideout tonight and will plan a major victory shindig once you have returned safely to Chicago.

Happy trails and safe return.

Best Regards, Dan B

Friday, October 2, 2009 5:53 PM

From: Ginny

I don't know the name of the third No Gamer who went, but you both deserve so much credit for all you did. Talk about a David and Goliath situation! Enjoy your champagne!

Ginny

Job Well Done

Friday, October 2, 2009 6:44 PM

From: "Don B

To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

I didn't know you guys existed until today. Of all days, when the rest of your city is harping on you for spoiling their fun, I say well done! They are too ignorant to realize it, but you did them and this nation a great service. We don't need the burden of those games. Let the taxpayers of some other nation foot the bill. My wallet thanks you.

Well done.

Friday, October 2, 2009 7:27 PM

From: "Joe Ann B

To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

No Games,

I am very, very proud of your role in keeping the games away from Chicago. Rio is where it belongs. I still plan to send in a donation because you are very deserving. HIP, HIP, HOORAY!!!!!!!!!! NO GAMES CHICAGO WINS!!

THANK YOU,
JOE ANN B

Friday, October 2, 2009 7:36 PM

From: "Shari P

To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

Thank You so much for all that you did. I am so relieved. I tried to complete the survey, but because I didn't agree to volunteer to do anything at this time, it would not allow me to complete it!

Gratefully,
Shari P

Friday, October 2, 2009 7:49 PM

From: "Edward S

To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

Great job!!!! We did it!!!!!!!!

Friday, October 2, 2009 7:55 PM

From: "Jean S
To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

Friday, October 2, 2009 8:24 PM
From: Duffy
To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

i was just watching the Rachel Maddow show and was surprised to see that she is under the impression that 72% of Chicagoans supported the Olympics bid. she interviewed Danny Davis but made no mention of any opposition in the city. she cited opposition to the bid by many conservatives and seemed to suggest that only far right radicals were happy to see the Olympics go elsewhere.

disappointing. Chicago does not deserve the Olympics and I'm happy that No Games Chicago emerged to oppose the bid.

thank you,
duffy

Friday, October 2, 2009 8:51 PM
From: "Anne Elizabeth M

hello friends,

I'd like to be the zillionth person to thank you for being among the first to see through the ridiculousness of mass-marketed, corporate-subsidized, privatized mega sporty events. honestly, without your participation we'd all be signed up to pay off a minimum \$5 Billion Olympic debt right now—instead of the \$50-\$100 Million we're paying off for getting the bid to the first, losing stage of the game....and have a good seven years of relief,

Anne Elizabeth

Friday, October 2, 2009 10:50 PM
From: "Chiqui
To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

Thank you, thank you, thank you!! Your efforts, time, money, and energy helped to make this happen. The whole Olympics idea was ridiculous. You had the guts to stand up to Mayor Shortshanks and his whole corrupt crew. There are not many groups out there like you. The whole City owes you a debt of gratitude.

Saturday, October 3, 2009 12:35 AM
From: Bob S
To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

The arrogance of King Rich didn't reach inside the IOC. With his popularity deservedly at an all time low, now is the time to stay on Daley's case. He wanted this diamond in his crown, and he didn't care if he drove the city further into debt to do it. Daley and the business elites--especially the real estate moguls--who own and operate Chicago were dealt a heavy blow.

Obama and Winfrey were knocked down a notch as well, and they richly deserved it. All of their flag waving rightly offended people around the globe who see another America bringing devastation and death to Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. And they know if people here choose to ignore it, that Bush's wars are now Obama's wars. Some Chicagoans speculated that "Anti-Americanism" was at work in Copenhagen. Probably true. And definitely justified.

So while I will not gloat in front of common folks who wanted the Games, Daley, Oprah and Obama are of a different stripe.

Bob S

Saturday, October 3, 2009 4:54 AM
From: Doug
To: tom@tresser.com

Thank you for all your work, NGC!

I grew up playing baseball and softball in Washington Park. The park has the biggest softball league in America. Thank God the Olympics won't destroy our wonderful park to make room for white elephant projects built to entertain suburban and foreign douches. How many of these clown commenters above had ever even heard of Washington Park, much less been there, before this whole political project got started?

Saturday, October 3, 2009 5:58 AM
From: Steve S
To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

Hi Tom: nice note below and very good thinking about Chicago and the IOC's decision. Congrats. If anything, I wish they would invest this kind of energy and interest in improving the school system in Chicago . steve

Saturday, October 3, 2009 7:09 AM
From: Anita Beaty, Atlanta
To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

YEA!! YOU ALL ROCK!! I AM CELEBRATING IN D.C. with the NCH Board meetings. YOU ARE WONDERFUL.

You cannot imagine how excited I was and many of us were when we heard the news. We cheered and whooped and couldn't believe you triumphed over OPRAH and Obama!!!

You really do rock. The best ever. I am humbled to have worked even a tiny bit with you on your effort. I have never known a better organized effort.

Warmly and gratefully,

Anita Beaty

Saturday, October 3, 2009 8:46 AM
From: "Jean C"
To: nogames_discussion@googlegroups.com

I do think No Games' effort resulted in Chicago's early exit. Good job.

Saturday, October 3, 2009 8:49 AM
From: "Facebook"
To: "Thomas Tresser" <tom@tresser.com>

Jay made a comment about your link:

"Congrats Tom and crew. This was my dream from the minute I heard it announced we were going for the bid. I hope the city can see the positive that can come from this."

Saturday, October 3, 2009 9:44 AM
From: "Jonathan F"

Hi Tom

Good Job! Get some rest and then let's get together and talk about the future.

Saturday, October 3, 2009 9:53 AM
From: "Valerie L
To: "No Games Discussion" <nogames_discussion@googlegroups.com>

How do you spell "relief"? N-O G-A-M-E-S!!!!

Valerie L

Saturday, October 3, 2009 10:10 AM
From: "Sean E
To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

Thanks for your hard work.

Sean E

A Lesson From the Mermaid
Saturday, October 3, 2009 10:11 AM
From: "Joan L

I hope sometime today or tomorrow before you leave, if you haven't already done so, those of you who are in Copenhagen will have a chance to visit the Little Mermaid in person! It's worth the short trip. She is so beautiful as she sits on her rock in the sea.

I think you will be surprised, as I was some 35 years ago, at how small she is and almost delicate looking.

Yet she has grown to vast proportion in the minds of many as Denmark's icon, and her image helps to fire the national soul and inspire tourists.

She also has something of a disability in terms of her ability to mingle with terrestrial beings – but even this does not stop her.

NGC has been a bit like this – having grown in public perception far beyond our actual size, and, although hobbled to some extent by being unable to mingle freely where decisions are being made, have had an influence on those decisions.

So please try to visit the little Mermaid and convey our regards from one small but powerful force to another!

Joan L

Saturday, October 3, 2009 11:06 AM
From: "Facebook"
To: "Thomas Tresser"

Charlie made a comment about your link:

"Congrats on all the hard work, Tom. Many, many people appreciate your efforts. And it was cool seeing you on the ABC Nightly News from Copenhagen."

RE: You are the Group of the Hour
Saturday, October 3, 2009 11:12 AM
From: "Ray H

You should also take your group and convert it into a public watchdog group monitoring conflicts of interest in Chicagoland and especially the suburbs

Great work ... I think your pointing out to the IOC that the people of Chicago did not like the Chicago bid sunk the bid ... the city is trying to spin that it was because of a feud over broadcast rights between the IOC and USOC, but if that were true, Chicago would never have been a finalist

Ray H

Saturday, October 3, 2009 2:20 PM
From: anonymous
To: tom@tresser.com

Hi - Your description of your group on your "About" link is way too short - it is just one sentence.

You need to describe yourselves more, why you feel like you do. Otherwise you come across as a group of Contrarians. It would be helpful if you put together a list like "Ten Reasons Why We Do Not Want The Games In Chicago".

Now that the decision has been made, you are going to lose the momentum from your site -It's a great name "No Games Chicago", that could easily adapt to any future issue.

No Olympic Games, and now No Political Games, No Financial Games, No Planning Games....Whatever kind of games there are, your site can be an umbrella to all of them.

Saturday, October 3, 2009 2:22 PM
From: J.F.
To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

congrats!

Saturday, October 3, 2009 2:52 PM
From: [anonymous](#)

Everybody that wants the games in the city will be the first to complain when their taxes go up. Wake up people, Chicago is broke, Chicago is the poorest and the most cash strapped of all cities competing. You want the games, yeh just tell us how u intend to pay for it. Thank you god for not bringing the 3 weeks circus to the city.

Saturday, October 3, 2009 3:10 PM
From: "Allan L"
To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID. YOU [WE] WON!

Allan L

Saturday, October 3, 2009 3:15 PM
From: "Ted B"
To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

thanks you so much. The citizens of this city owe you a debt of gratitude for your tireless efforts. You delivered!

Thanks,

Ted B

Saturday, October 3, 2009 3:34 PM
"R G C"
To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

Good Day Y'all...

Congrats! Your submission was not lost on the IOC. Several years ago I was 100% against Toronto, Ontario winning their bid.

Many friends did not like my opinion about Toronto's bid, but I felt vindicated afterwards.

My brother and family live in Kane County, IL., and I live in Guelph, Ontario now.

Chicago and Toronto have many of the very same needs to improve the local infrastructure including public housing, roads, subways, schools, day care centres, hospitals,homeless shelters, etc....you get the idea.

Whilst Toronto City Council dither and spend money left, right and centre, needy people suffer in their lack of support.

Montreal, QC., is still paying off money for its past Olympic Games infrastructure...and this is 2009!

Consider me a politically neutral centrist, and the picture still does not change. The Games are a grand waste of public tax revenues when there are many more pressing public needs. The Games are just a boost in ego for any incumbent mayor and party hacks.

Sincerely,
R G C
Guelph,ON.
Canada

Saturday, October 3, 2009 4:41 PM
From: anonymous
To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

Thanks to you, Tom, and members of NGC for your committed work well done on behalf of the many proud and hardworking citizens of Chicago. I heard you with Cliff on WVON yesterday.

I think that now we can dialogue about the disposition of our children and their of academia, how to prepare to replace some of the 600 police officers that are eligible for retirement this coming November. As important as healthcare is, maybe we can do something (investors possibly) with Michael Reese Hosp. like they did to St francis in alsip,IL. I am currently engaged in a letter writing campaign to request the hiring of more police officers. If we start with hiring, we may not need the national guards.

once again I thank you for the hard work.

Saturday, October 3, 2009 5:57 PM
From: anonymous

Now we need to get theses corrupt politicians out of office. Daley and his 50 puppets need to go. They gave him permission to write a blank check to fund those games.

Saturday, October 3, 2009 6:54 PM
From anonymous

If No Games Chicago had anything to do with this, I as a taxpayer in Chicago, sincerely thank them!

Saturday, October 3, 2009 6:57 PM
From: anonymous

next lets end the TIFs

Time to change the TIF laws and crack open Daley's humungous piggy bank filled with \$500 million dollars of tax money EVERY YEAR.

Once the TIF dough is spent to actually fix the blight in the neighborhoods, Chicago will be better for the residents outside of Daley's fortress of flower planters.

Oh yes and the SSAs (TIF LITE) need to be cracked open

Saturday, October 3, 2009 7:24 PM

From: Eric M

To: nogameschicago@gmail.com

i extend deepest and heartfelt congratulations to your organization and every one involved in your victory!

we lost the battle of nashville with the oilers/titans, but i feel a kindred spirit with you, and we may yet win the war.

well done.

Saturday, October 3, 2009 7:42 PM

From:

"Marisa H

To: nogames_discussion@googlegroups.com

I like what has been said about going after Daley and building a citywide movement.

There are similar movements happening in other cities like New York, DC, Boston, S.F., and Miami.

You're not alone. If you haven't already I'd suggest checking out this group: <http://www.righttothecity.org/>

-Marisa-

Saturday, October 3, 2009 7:54 PM

From: anonymous

Now we need to get these corrupt politicians out of office. Daley and his 50 puppets need to go. They gave him permission to write a blank check to fund those games.

10/3/09 8:13 PM

Ed B

Hello Tom,

I wish to extend my warm congratulations to you who have done so much for the future of Chicago. We don't always feel accomplishment when we work to defeat someone else's initiative, but Edmund Burke said, "all that is necessary for the forces of evil to succeed is for a few good men to do nothing."

I share your delight at the Rio choice and think your recent email probing what's next and the conciliatory tone (the spirit of Lincoln's second inaugural) are the perfect message.

Great job, Ed

10/3/09 10:54 PM

Phil K

To Tom, Joan and most of you ---

A very well stated and gracious statement!. I just read it after having sent Tom an email. Even those of us who supported the bid can find things in the statement to agree with.

I'm happy to have bet for you guys to place, but I never thought that the bid wouldn't even 'show'.

Phil

10/4/09 1:19 AM

YouTube comment - <http://www.youtube.com/user/Spudskie>
Way to go guys!! Thank God the Games are not coming here!!

10/4/2009 10:29 AM
anonymous

Tom,

Congratulations on this stunning victory for parks in Chicago!! And all your hard work has paid off.

I waited to contact you as I knew you'd be busy with media. Would love to talk with you about park protection. If you have time. I imagine you are still busy with post-Olympics bid stuff.

I'll call you today, and just let me know if it's a good time or not.

LuAnne K

10/5/09 11:00 AM
Author : James R

If "No Games Chicago" is planning on tackling many of the issues they deemed important, they should change their name to "No Excuses Chicago".

10/5/09 11:02 AM
anonymous
Hooray! You guys did it!

10/5/09 3:30 PM
anonymous
Prosecute the money back from Chicago 2016 Committee (they have not delivered) and give to small businesses ready to generate jobs!

10/6/09 8:43 AM
anonymous

Hi Tom and Rhoda,

..we have uncovered yet another new, scandal tied to the Chicago Olympic bid. Below is a story about United Airlines is receiving \$35.8 million in incentives for the City of Chicago. The Chicago Olympic Committee flew to Copenhagen on a UA chartered jet. It is entirely possible that the chartered flight to Chicago and previous COC members' trips were donated by UA in exchange for Daley providing UA \$35.8 in incentives.

Daley is addicted to corruption like a drug addict is addicted to cocaine, heroin, etc. Daley can't stop himself, so we'll have to give Daley an intervention. Tom and Rhoda, you did an outstanding job stopping Daley from getting the Olympics, now let's work on stopping Daley from getting reelected.

Way to go guys!! Thank God the Games are not coming here!!

10/6/09 11:01 AM
Gregory G

As a mere observer, I offer congratulations to everyone for a job well done in helping to keep the games away from Chicago. I also laud you on the conciliatory press release, which is how the official opposition should act and will insulate you from any unseemly fallout.

Personally, I was delighted and shared it with fellow opponents. I found the disappointment funny given how privileged and/or information averse bid supporters were. I was overjoy at the blow to Daley's clout.

I was unhappy when the right responded with glee due to pure hatred of Obama. In part because I don't want my rational opposition connected to a bunch of jerks, but also because I knew this would distort the narrative, even on the left.

Shows like Rachel Maddow - who may have criticized the Olympics had they bothered to cover it - now sound like uncritical Olympic supporters in their eagerness to attack the right. Some Democratic politicians are speaking as if only right wing nuts were opposed to the games.

This omission of legit criticism is a problem, as it helps Daley's clear intent to pose as a victim of circumstance. By deeming the Olympics a financial panacea, he will now claim that losing them means we have we have no choice but to do [insert convenient decision here].

This is a time when progressive media and groups should be coming down hard on the Mayor Daley's massive corruption and mismanagement and this issue could obscure things.

My suggestion is to try and clarify a little when this turns up in progressive media. If anyone has connections to Rachel Maddow, ask her to cover the other side.

10/6/09 3:17 PM
John C

Your comments are appreciated. Many people feel the same. No Games and it's activist core group did a great job, but more importantly it was courageous.

Chicago's system is based on a big machine operation. It can easily use it's internal forces to wipe anyone person, family or organization out (and it has in the past) When the Italian women who began to successfully lead the Italian (and Mexican) immigrant groups to save their homes from the building of the Univ. of Illinois, which displaced thousands of low-income families. She stopped her work after her second floor apartment was fire bombed on Taylor street.

The list is long, including Rudy Lozano who was assassinated by a paid gunman after he lost an Aldermanic election in the 22nd Ward by 8 votes in 1983. (Rich Daley was the states attorney at the delayed and delayed the follow-up on the investigation.) The list goes on and on. The point I am making is that to oppose any policy from the Daley machine can have serious life altering consequences. People in Chicago are objectively terrified by the Machine and its enforcers.

I would also like to say and comment that in an objective historical context, the No Games Coalition is one of a very few organizations to have challenged the Democratic Party Machine operation, win and survive, thus far, without any reported incidents of attack, abuse, threats from within the Democratic and "Independent" machine operations and networks. I suspect, we have survived, because we made a good case and built support on multiple class levels as well as diverse racial and ethnic groups.

I hope that No Games can continue and merge into another more city-wide policy activist Organization that can challenge other corporate dominated policies of the Daley machine operation. The critics are out their. The Tribune wrote, a few days ago, "what next for no games, no parks, no etc." And even a student left campus group is getting in on the shallow political analysis, with an article in the University of Chicago The Platypus Review, with its 9/09 Issue #15 article about No Games, entitled "The Sport of Protest." In this article the author Chris Mansour, writes "No Games Chicago maintain a sense of urgency for the necessity of social and political change, the lack of vision or how to organize themselves towards these overarching goals means that their resistance can never make the leap to emancipation. In effect, No Games Chicago, like other single-issue protest groups, ends up mirroring the activities of the Olympics: The act of protesting turns into a sport that has little to no bearing outside the immediate outcome of the game. If there is a true will to overcome this demoralized state, protest groups must envision their actions as a means to organize toward goals that go beyond mere resistance"

Well I hope we can continue the momentum we built up, and really practice the empty Chicago slogan of "Let Friendship Shine."

In Solidarity
John C

10/7/09 7:27 PM

From SCORE blog:

<http://www.670-thescore.com/blog/category/boers-and-bernstein-show/>

Read this column by Rick Telander: <http://www.suntimes.com/sports/telander/1810806,CST-SPT-rick07.article>

Congratulations and thanks are due to Tom Tresser and his efforts. I hope that our show helped him in some small way to express just how misguided and damaging the city's olympic "dream" was and would have been.

10/8/09 9:58 AM

Mark Rake commented on your status:

"Thanks be to God and Baby Jesus"

10/8/09 1:02 PM

Warren L

Hello Tom,

Thanks for all the effort you and your group put into stopping the games. Good job!

You may use my whole name. I don't think the long arm of Hizzoner will reach me here in sleepy little Glenwood.

I grew up on the south side (Roseland area) of Chicago. Just went to my 50th Fenger High School reunion. So you know how old I am. Sadly, Fenger has been much in the news of late.

I wish I had something profound to contribute to "the conversation" about what should happen -- and shouldn't -- in Chicago, but my mind isn't sufficient to the task. I had breakfast this morning with two fellow Fengerites and we talked about the enormous difficulties of turning around the negative culture (if that what it is) of our major cities. About all we could agree on was that so much of what has been done in the past has be counter productive.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Warren L

10/8/09 11:19 AM

anonymous

I knew that Chicago lost but good. Thank you for saving the pensions of Chicago city retirees! (Remember, the mayor's nephew got his fingers in 4 of the 5 city pension funds.) I just wanted to help defray the costs of your campaign.

Ken K wrote:

Tom Tresser has been accused of being unpatriotic by some people on the No Games website. All the No Games people did was question the motives of the Daley administration for wanting the Olympics in Chicago. Questioning your government is the most patriotic thing a person can do. Thanks No Games, you did the people of Chicago a great service!

10/7/2009 7:07 PM CDT on suntimes.com

teets battaglia wrote:

Telander deserves a Gold Medal for this column. And Professor Tresser deserves much honor from a grateful City. Tresser got a billion of results from a 10 grand investment. WOW. What could he do if he had the power of high office? Anyone?

10/7/2009 4:19 PM CDT on suntimes.com

Mike_T wrote:

Let's just get this straight...Tresser and his group had NOTHING to do with Chicago not getting the Olympics. I appreciate his point of view, he definitely has many valid points and I personally was completely neutral about the Olympics. But Chicago didn't get the Olympics because of the international politics involved in the vote. We didn't get it because the IOC is still a tad anti-American and because the IOC wanted to give it to Rio.

10/7/2009 12:36 PM CDT on suntimes.com

handsome wrote:

Thank you Mr. Tresser for helping to sabotage this Olympic scheme. You should run for mayor in two years.

10/7/2009 11:55 AM CDT on suntimes.com

pb1222 wrote:

I agree with Tresser. He set aside hopes and dreams that can cloud the thinking and looked at facts. Facts the committee and Daley refused to face. Or facts they hid from us.

10/7/2009 7:50 AM CDT on suntimes.com

jimretired wrote:

Thank you Mr. Tresser for your efforts on behalf of the citizens of Chicago. It is too bad the media in this city did so little to back you up and instead shamelessly shilled for Daley and his band of thieves. Whatever happened to real journalism?

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Indy Voter sent a message to the members of IVI-IPO.

Subject: Show 'No Games: Chicago' some love

The 'No Games: Chicago' gang, who put it all on the line to point out the caveats in Chicago's recent bid for the Olympics, could use some help retiring the debt from their recent (grassroots) effort. NG:C did it all without the corporate help the city had, so head on over and help out how you can.

Tell 'em Indy sent you!

<http://www.facebook.com/1/8a29d;nogames.wordpress.com/>