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No Games Chicago

No Games Chicago (NGC) is a diverse group of citizens and single-issue coalition who have come together to oppose the Chicago bid for the 2016 Olympics.

NGC was launched in January of 2009 at a public forum about Chicago's Olympic bid that was attended by 300 people. In April of 2009 we held a protest against Chicago Olympic bid during the International Olympic Committee's evaluation visit. During the IOC's visit, NGC also met with the IOC evaluation team. Since April, NGC has traveled to Switzerland to counter the Chicago 2016 presentation to the IOC, attended dozens of public meetings put on the Chicago 2016 bid team, and this week held a public protest at Chicago's City Hall that demonstrated resident discontent with the Chicago 2016 Olympic Bid.

The Chicago 2016 bid continues to move forward with a \$500 million dollar taxpayer guarantee via an unelected and unaccountable body that has operated without public hearings, referendums or opportunities for civic discussions. No Games Chicago believes that the time, money, and energy placed into bidding and hosting the Olympics would be better spent on services and infrastructure that can improve the lives of average Chicagoans.

No Games Chicago has sent a delegation to Copenhagen to let the International Olympic Committee know that Chicagoans do not want the 2016 Olympic games.

The three-member Copenhagen No Games Delegation includes:

Martin Macias Jr. is a youth organizer for the Chicago Environmental Justice Coalition, and Comite 10 de Marzo, an Immigrant Rights organization. He is also a media reform activist.

Tom Tresser is an educator and activist and former actor and producer. He is a co-founder of Protect Our Parks, which fights the privatization of public space.

Rhoda Whitehorse has lived in Chicago for 40 years and is a former public school teacher.

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