


## OTHER ANTI-GAMES EVENTS

At about the same time as the January 31, 2009 No Games Chicago Forum was being organized and delivered, another public oppositional organization surfaced. The Unlympics was a satirical and artistic series of events organized by Anne Elizabeth Moore (<https://anneelizabethmoore.com>).

*the Unlympics Organizing Committee presents . . .*



### The Winter 2009 Unlympic Games

Real sports, fake sports, and things that aren't sports at all  
and active discussion of Chicago's 2016 Olympic bid

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**Opening Day Ceremonies**  
6 p.m. January 24  
InCUBATE, 2129 N. Rockwell Street  
THE PARADE OF NOTIONS!  
Planning Meeting: 6 p.m. Monday Jan. 19 at  
InCUBATE, 2129 N. Rockwell Street

**Indoor/Outdoor Games**  
1 p.m. January 31  
Washington Park, TBA  
CLASS CONSCIOUS KICKBALL!  
7 p.m. January 31  
InCUBATE, 2129 N. Rockwell Street  
LIVE ACTION ROLE PLAY  
FAMILY POTLUCK DINNER!  
Brought to you by the Chicago Working  
Group on Extreme Inequality  
Planning Meeting: 6 p.m. Monday Jan. 26 at  
InCUBATE, 2129 N. Rockwell Street

**Intellectual Games**  
7 p.m. February 7  
Quimby's, 1854 W. North Ave.  
SPELLING BEE!  
Planning Meeting: 6 p.m. Monday Feb. 2 at  
InCUBATE, 2129 N. Rockwell Street

**Emotional Games**  
7 p.m. February 14  
No Coast, 1500 W. 17th Street  
KARAOKE with Kjs Shameless Karaoke  
Brought to you by Tamms Year Ten and the  
Campaign to End the Death Penalty  
Planning Meeting: 6 p.m. Monday Feb. 9 at  
InCUBATE, 2129 N. Rockwell Street

Check the full schedule or sign up to compete at Democracy Guest List:  
<http://theprivatelifeforthepublicintellectual.wordpress.com/2009/01/12/official-unlympics-schedule-of-events/>  
or find us on Facebook!

From Anne's website: "From January to February, the Winter 2009 Unlympic Games were a series of competitive events that engaged Chicago residents in active dialogue about the 2016 Olympic bid. The Unlympics looked at highly organized, internationally recognized, massively marketed, thoroughly branded, and extremely expensive sporting events not from a pro or con standpoint, but from a questioning standpoint. The Unlympics included real sports, fake sports, and things that should be sports but aren't yet, including Class-Conscious Kickball, Fashion, Karaoke, Live Action Role Play Family Dinner, The Solitary Isolation Game, and Spelling. Indoor and outdoor games were held throughout the city and open to the public. These events were sponsored by organizations with a stake in the 2016 Olympic bid."

From their January 16, 2009 press release: "Indoor/Outdoor Games take place on January 31 and will include:

1 p.m. - GATHER AT WASHINGTON PARK (Garfield Ave. & MLK Dr.) RUN AROUND THE BLOCK AND WE'LL TIME YOU - CLASS CONSCIOUS KICKBALL - FASHION COMPETITION (Please view rules before committing errors in dress that may disqualify you.) 7:00 p.m. - LIVE ACTION ROLE PLAY FAMILY POTLUCK DINNER at InCUBATE (21+, bring a dish to pass, even if you are spectating.) 9:00 p.m. - AWARDS CEREMONY (BYOB)"

These events had a sardonic and mocking tone. They were fun but sparsely attended and soon ended. They had no impact on the Chicago 2016 Committee or the IOC.

At different times and places, a few groups did program single events to voice skepticism or opposition to the Bid. Someone from No Games Chicago was usually a speaker or attendee. No Games organizers attended such events with flyers and a clipboard to harvest contacts in order turn dissent into organized action. But none of these one-offs were part of an organized and intentional effort to derail the Bid.

Here are a few of these activities:

<p><b>OLYMPIC OPPRESSION</b></p> <p>Friday, April 3rd 2009 Meet up: Ride: 5:30pm 6:30pm Daley Plaza</p> <p>The Olympic Games would include eviction based on race and class, persecution of the homeless, the use of tax dollars to build useless infrastructure for the games, and increased military/police/surveillance presence in the city. The city desperately needs improvements in housing, education, and employment not increased state and corporate domination.</p>  <p>Who ever said we can't take over the streets with bikes two weeks in a row?</p> <p>The International Olympic Committee will be in town from April 2-8 to evaluate the city. Come help us take to the streets and tell Daley and the rest of the corporate scum in the IOC that we refuse the Olympics in our city.</p>	<p><b>2009 FORUM AGAINST OLYMPIC OPPRESSION</b></p> <p><b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>CHRIS SHAW</b> AUTHOR OF FIVE RING CIRCUS</p> <p><b>WILLIE "JR"</b></p> <p><b>FLEMING</b> COALITION TO PROTECT PUBLIC HOUSING</p> <p><b>ANNE ELIZABETH MOORE</b> AUTHOR OF UNMARKETABLE: BRANDALISM, CORPORATE MOCKETING, AND THE EROSION OF INTEGRITY</p> <p><b>6PM SUN. APRIL 5TH</b></p> <p><b>IIT CAMPUS SIEGEL HALL 3301 S. DEARBORN</b></p>
<p><b>BILDOZING DALEYS</b> Greatest Show on Earth</p> <p>Vancouver's winter Olympics financial disaster... Coming soon to the City of Chicago?</p> <p><b>FIVE RING CIRCUS</b></p> <p><b>Friday March 20 at 7pm</b></p> <p>Chicago Area-based Film Festival &amp; Free Film Awarded Organization present a free screening of "Five Ring Circus," a film about what happens when the Olympics comes to town. Save a Ribbon Hall House Room 300 S Halsted Street (edge of IIT campus). Contact GIFF@icamp.org or Chicago4Circus.org</p>  <p>The True Costs of the 2010 Olympics</p>	<p><b>CHICAGO CENTER FOR URBAN LIFE AND CULTURE</b></p> <p><b>FRIDAY APRIL 24, 2009 7 PM</b></p> <p><b>OLYMPIC BID PANEL</b></p> <p>1515 EAST 82ND PLACE- 2ND FLOOR CHICAGO, IL 60615</p> <p><b>MODERATOR</b> <b>PANELISTS</b></p> <p><b>Scott Cisneros</b>, Executive Director Chicago Center for Urban Life and Culture</p> <p><b>Steve Alexander</b>, Sr. Research Fellow De Paul University Olympic Study Group</p> <p><b>Denise Dixon</b>, Executive Director Action Now</p> <p><b>Glenn Reedus</b>, Organizer Chicago Media Shery</p> <p><b>Tom Tresser</b>, Communications Coordinator No Games Chicago</p> <p><b>WHY?</b></p> <p>As the International Olympics Committee leaves Chicago and heads to Tokyo (Japan), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), and Madrid (Spain) Chicago Center for Urban Life and Culture will congregate a panel of community leaders and activists to discuss the impact of Chicago hosting the 2016 Olympics will have on neighborhoods and communities.</p>



On a more serious and sustained note, [Southside Together Organizing for Power](#) (STOP) was protesting the closing of a series of public mental health clinics. No Games exchanged information with STOP during the Battle for the Bid but they provided no material help with organizing, fundraising, or messaging to the sustained effort to derail the Bid.

**Save our clinics!**

*Closing clinics is just another way to displace the community!*

**PROTEST AT CITY HALL**  
 2009 Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> - 1:30pm  
 City Hall - 121 N. LaSalle  
 5<sup>th</sup> Floor (outside Mayor's office)

**Most important protest yet - THE DAY BEFORE THE CLOSURE!**

Can't come? Call, write or fax Mayor Daley to tell him: **DON'T CLOSE OUR CLINICS!**  
 312-744-3300 • FAX: 312-744-2324

**We say FIGHT BACK!**

**STOP**

Southside Together Organizing for Power

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As February of 2009 unfolded, No Games Chicago was virtually alone in its opposition to the Bid.