

I am writing regarding the Council's potential action on a Resolution approving Executive Order No. 122-20, COVID-19 Local Order. It is my understanding that the City Council is considering reducing capacity at daycares, but considering opening escape rooms, allowing ice rinks to open, continuing to allow outdoor sports to operate, among other things.

As a parent with two children in daycare, I do not support the proposal to further reduce capacity at daycares. Doing so will have severe consequences. Working parents have no other option but to send their kids to daycare. If I lose my daycare spot, I may have to quit my job or take an unpaid leave of absence. Not only does a policy of reducing childcare disproportionately impact women, it impacts the economy and poses extreme scheduling challenges for families. It is also concerning that the City Council is prioritizing escape rooms and other non-essential businesses and activities over my right to continue working with the support of childcare.

I encourage you to strongly consider how impactful this would be to working families and reconsider any changes in current enrollment capacities.