

I am writing in regards to the Council's potential action on a Resolution approving Executive Order No. 122-20 COVID-19 local order. It is my understanding that the County Council is considering reducing capacity in daycares to 50%.

As a mother of 2 children in daycare and a healthcare worker, this is very concerning to me. Without the support of daycares, working parents/guardian rely on daycare so that they can complete their work. Reducing daycare capacity impacts working parents socially and economically and more parents will need to leave the workforce.

The daycare that my children attend have made several changes to ensure the health and safety of the children and staff and those they come in contact with. From a social perspective, my children have thrived in their daycares and have gained so much.

The daycare system was broken prior to pandemic and this pandemic has only made affordable daycare harder to find. A reduction in daycare capacity would only make this worse. Without affordable daycare, parents cannot work, further impacting the economy.