

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 County 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 children in a daycare center, 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 hurts the economy and hurts families. It is also concerning that the County Council is prioritizing escape rooms and other non-essential businesses and activities over my right to continue working with childcare.