

MOTION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) provides educational and supervised activities for children of all ages, including sports, aquatic activities, day camps and after-school programs. In 1986, the department began offering licensed child care programs throughout the city. The program expanded to 26 facilities and, with the assistance of funding from the California Department of Education, the department provided affordable quality child care services to many working families. Unfortunately, during the Great Recession, as both city and state budgets began to shrink, subsidies for child care programs were eliminated. Today, RAP offers state licensed child care programs at only two facilities.

According to 2015 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 60 percent of children in California under the age of 13 live in families where all parents or guardians work or are in school. *The State of Early Care and Education in Los Angeles County*, a study commissioned by the County of Los Angeles and First5LA in 2017, found "there are approximately 650,000 children under the age of 5 in Los Angeles County, yet licensed centers and family child care homes only have the capacity to serve 13 percent of working parents with infants and toddlers." High quality early childhood education is not only essential for a child's healthy development, it is also a critical element in allowing parents to work and encouraging citywide economic development.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks and the City Administrative Officer, to report back within 60 days on the following:

1. The status of the department's current state licensed child care program, including information on cost of the program, number of children served, wait lists, fees associated with the program, and scalability of the current program;
2. Options for the expansion of the department's current program, with the ultimate goal of having at least one facility per Council District, along with a budget to be implemented in FY 2019-20;
3. Analysis of various ballot measures in San Francisco and other cities that have established children's funds, with recommendations on how to proceed with a similar ballot initiative in Los Angeles;
4. Potential funding in Governor Newsom's proposed budget for early childhood education and child care programs and how the city can utilize that funding; and
5. Other potential sources of funding for quality child care, including public private partnerships, other government funding, and foundation and philanthropic support.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Economic and Workforce Development Department to report back on the feasibility of creating a workforce training and professional development program for careers in early childhood education and development.

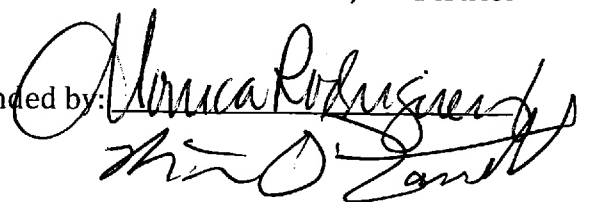
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