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Strong universal childcare is a foundational element of economic mobility and opportunity. One in three families spend over 20 percent of their income on child care, and the cost has outpaced most in-state college tuition.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the childcare crisis for working families. Women, especially, have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Forced to withdraw from the workforce in record numbers, they will be unable to rejoin the workforce or will be slower to do so if the cost of childcare remains a barrier to employment outside of the home.

The state of California will be making funding available for childcare, and the City should be prepared to deploy resources and stand up services accordingly. Child care is one profound and powerful way that we can restore economic security for families and reverse inequitable investment in communities.

Universal child care will be a primary tenet of the future Department for Families, Children, and Community Investment (CF 20-1428) and management and distribution of resources related to child care will be a core function. However, until such time exists that the Department is formed, the Housing and Community Investment Department should prepare itself to be the primary point of contact for this work.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Housing and Community Investment Department be directed to report on state funding available for childcare and how the Department will pursue the resources to create universal child care as well as the plan to distribute contracts and provide equitable access to childcare in communities of color.

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