

# Protect the Freedom to Read Protest & Rally:

A partnership between Third Baptist Church's Freedom School, SFUSD and SFPL

Shawna Sherman Main Library, African American Center August 15, 2024 San Francisco Library Commission



## The Marchers - Freedom School Scholars

- Freedom School: fifteen years at Third Baptist Church of San Francisco.
- The six-week summer program instills of love of reading, highlights Black authors and teaches Black children to be all that they can be.
- 30 scholars and mentors marched to Protect the Freedom to Read on July 17.
- A partnership built on shared values.

"We believe that every child deserves a healthy start, a head start, a fair star, a safe start, and a moral start in life and a successful passage to adulthood."

-Freedom School Website





#### Many Challenged Books Have Black Subjects





#### Marching from City Hall to the Main Library





#### **Elevating Community Voices**







### **Encouraging Lifelong Readers**









Thank you!

