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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Today is an historic day, with the US Supreme Court decision to allow all citizens the right to marry regardless of sexual orientation! As I celebrate this extraordinary social justice win, I am keenly aware of how far we have to go in eliminating legal, cultural and institutional barriers that prevent true equality.

Like so many, I was shocked and deeply saddened last week to hear of the shooting at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. My heart goes out to the victims and everyone who knew them. All of those lost were loving members of their families, church, and community, including reverends and a state senator.

In the last hour of their lives, these nine people welcomed a stranger into their place of worship and their prayer group. It is heartbreaking to realize their openness and kindness towards the shooter, before he committed this utterly despicable act against them. It is my hope that we not let this act of cruelty inspire fear and hatred as the shooter had wanted. We must instead channel our anger into striving to end the violence and bigotry that are still felt every day in America.

Removing the confederate flag is one small but needed gesture, and I am proud to have signed on to HB 3568 to replace the Mississippi flag that stands on our State Capitol grounds. But removing legal and institutional barriers takes years. This is a big focus of my legislative agenda, and I am fortunate to work with so many legislative colleagues and community partners who have devoted much of their careers to these causes.

While many of the [bills on my tracking sheet](#) close economic barriers, I have highlighted in **red** the ones that have a direct impact on reducing violence, institutional racism, bigotry, and ethnic disparities.

I hope you will take a moment to watch the moving speeches by my colleagues, [Reps. Lew Frederick, Vic Gilliam](#), Rob Nosse and [Joe Gallegos](#), addressing these issues in remonstrances on the floor of the House over the last few days. It has been a very emotional time in our Capitol, as it has been around the country.

My Annual Bike Town Hall with Rep. Smith Warner, and Sen. Dembrow

Departing Lents Farmers Market
SE Foster & 92nd Ave.
Sunday, June 28, 12:30-3pm



Last year's Bike Town Hall

While the heat has turned up in the legislature, it's fortunately cooling down in time for our annual "rolling Town Hall!" Greg Raisman from PBOT has organized a great [tour](#) through Lents:

- Lents Farmers Market: 92th/SE Foster
- Lents Town Center: 92nd/SE Ramona
- Belmont Goats in Lents
- Lent Elementary: Neighborhood Greenways, Safe Routes to School, Lents Green Ring Project
- Foster Flood Plane: 104th/SE Yukon
- Community orchard, Livable Lents: 87th/SE Malden
- 85th/SEKnapp Intersection Repair Project
- 86th/SE Glenwood Intersection Street Painting in progress

- NAYA Generations Project: 86th/SE Steele
- Portland Mercado - great food, beverages and bathrooms: 72nd/SE Foster

If you can't meet on bike or in person, I hope you will keep up with the last few days of our session through my twitter [@alissakg](#) and [Facebook](#) page. We hope to end by July 3, so every day is packed with final decisions!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alissa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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