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establishes an assessment district. At that point, are the options for those residents to take out a petition either for or against that assessment district? Or am I misunderstanding?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, they wouldn't...at that point, they wouldn't have the option to do a petition for. I mean, a petition for would come in advance of the process. But they...but if there was not a petition....

SENATOR SCHIMEK: For.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...for...to create it, by the time the ordinance was passed, then they would have the opportunity to do a petition against it.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Well, I thought that's what I heard you say. But then when I looked at the language of the bill, I wasn't certain that I had heard right. So I wanted to make certain about that. And then the other part of it that I still have remaining questions on are on page 2. Somebody already started...I think Senator Stuthman started to ask you about this. And it says, "To provide for the planting, maintenance, protection, and removal of shade, ornamental, and other useful trees." The planting...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The maintenance, protection, and removal. Right now, once a shade tree goes in my yard on that city property, then I believe that the city maintains it and protects it and removes it. Am I wrong about that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I think that's right. I mean, it's different from mowing your grass.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm told that the city, by ordinance, requires the city to do all these things with respect to trees.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Why would we ask the people in the protection