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the property owners in the district. Then there would be a chance then, once the city council visits with the...visits among themselves. The second time, there's a public hearing, so people can come together and either approve or protest. And then the city council then will take a vote.

SENATOR FOLEY: Okay. So the city council takes the initiative to say, okay, District 200, you've been selected for the tree program and you're going to get the trees. Then the people who live in 200, then they've got 30 days to react to that. Is that how it works? And you can file your petition to try to stop that. And then it's based on 50...or a majority of the record title property owners, based on front footage. But some of those property owners might not be taxpayers, for example, a school or church. They get to vote also, correct?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...who are you asking, Senator Foley?

SENATOR FOLEY: I was asking Senator Price. But if Senator Beutler wants to jump in, that would be fine, if he'd care to. Either one.

SENATOR PRICE: Looking at the Urban Affairs legal counsel, he says, yes, that churches, schools, entities like that would be assessed.

SENATOR FOLEY: They would be assessed, based on their front footage, but they would not pay...would they pay the assessment? If the program were approved in that district, and 51 percent voted yes, based on front footage, would they be assessed also? Or just the...those who do not have a tax-exempt status?

SENATOR PRICE: Churches, schools, and so forth would be assessed, yes.

SENATOR FOLEY: They would be assessed as well. So they get to vote and they pay. Okay. Now, what if a neighborhood association...without this law, what if a neighborhood association wanted to take it upon themselves to initiate a tree planting program? How would that work, under existing law today? Do you know?