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the first plantings of the right of way trees, or bushes, whatever?

SENATOR PRICE: I am being told that yes, the developer does the initial planting, and it becomes part...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PRICE: ... of the property, of course.

SENATOR HUDKINS: All right. So you're asking the people to pay a fee, and then they can form a petition to opt out? Is that correct? Yes or no?

SENATOR PRICE: Now, are you speaking of new developments only? On just citywide?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Citywide.

SENATOR PRICE: Citywide, if a tree assessment area is designated and it appears as a reading before the city council, on the second reading then, it is discussed and has public input. And then there's 30 days then for people to come up with petitions in opposition. There doesn't have to be any petitions in support. But petitions in opposition within 30 days of the hearing of the city council.

SENATOR HUDKINS: If these districts are large, it's going to be very difficult for 51 percent of the people to respond. Don't you believe?

SENATOR PRICE: Well, this is why in my earlier remarks I said that large...too large of districts are going to be...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR PRICE: ...too hard to manage.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator Friend,