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Unhappy Muslim delegates react to vote on Jerusalem at Democratic Convention
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Christian pilgrims carry wooden crosses along the Via Dolorosa during the Good Friday procession in Jerusalem's old city in 2011.

Wednesday night's Democratic National Convention got off to a rocky start. Convention Chairman and L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa asked delegates for a voice vote on a platform amendment to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. It didn't go well.

Some members of the California delegation are not pleased with the vote or the way it was handled.

Several delegates complained they weren't told in advance about the amendment. Others said it should have required a ballot, not a voice vote. Muslim delegate Abdul Rahman of Antioch said some members of the Arab Caucus weren't even in their seats when the vote was taken. He maintained there's no rift right now with the party or President Obama, "but we just need to do things a little better with communication."

Another Muslim delegate said because Jerusalem is significant to Christians, Jews and Muslims, it should be treated like Vatican City — as an autonomous municipality that doesn't belong to any single country.

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