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Composed of Kansas City area citizens concerned about the direction of U.S. policy in the Middle East, Citizens for Justice in the Middle East urges ordinary American citizens to speak out in favor of an even-handed U.S. policy in the Middle East that recognizes the rights and aspirations of both Israelis and Palestinians. Only by respecting the need to provide both parties in the conflict with security and self-determination can a viable and just peace be assured.

- *To learn more about Citizens for Justice in the Middle East (CJME) or to get involved, send email to info@cjme.org or telephone (816) 729-9102 or visit CJME on the web at www.cjme.org.*
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