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### **4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION SPEAKERS CORNER**

Claremont, CA –The 2026 Independence Day Committee is looking for orators for the T. Willard Hunter Speakers Corner at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Festival.

The T. Willard Hunter Speakers Corner is a Claremont 4<sup>th</sup> of July tradition that celebrates freedom of speech. T. Willard Hunter, a writer and community advocate, started the tradition in 1977 to give citizens an opportunity to express their opinions on national and local issues. Past speeches have focused on literature, politics, religion, history, travel, and personal fulfillment. Speeches should be no more than five minutes in length, and timeslots are available between 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The deadline to reserve a time slot is Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Entries are being accepted at [www.claremontca.gov/4th-of-July](http://www.claremontca.gov/4th-of-July). For more information, please contact the Recreation and Human Services Department at (909) 399-5490 or [SpecialEvents@claremontca.gov](mailto:SpecialEvents@claremontca.gov).

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