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## Powerball® Ticket Sold in California Wins \$5+ Million

SACRAMENTO - One lucky California Lottery ticket is worth more than $\$ 5$ million today, having matched five correct numbers in last night's Powerball draw. That ticket was sold at Thirst Quencher Liquor in Burbank and earns a $\$ 5,422,749$ prize - a truly staggering number for second place.

Nobody across the country matched all six numbers, so the jackpot now stands at an estimated $\$ 785$ million for Monday night's draw.

Last night's winning numbers were 1-12-20-33-66 and Powerball number 21.
This jackpot has been growing since late July. Since then, the California Lottery has raised tens of millions of dollars for public education, the Lottery's sole mission.

Powerball draws three nights a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Tickets are two dollars each, and approximately 80 cents from each ticket sold in California goes to public schools across the state.

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The California Lottery's mission is to provide supplemental funding to California public schools, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California public educational entities. The funds the Lottery transferred to public education totaled more than $\$ 2.07$ billion for fiscal year 2021-22, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period, the Lottery generated more than \$8.85 billion in sales, more than $95 \%$ of which went back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. As jackpots rise,
the California Lottery would like to remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget, or using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.

