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\$1.7 Million *Powerball*® Ticket Sold in Clovis

SACRAMENTO – A California Lottery player who purchased a *Powerball*® ticket in Clovis (Fresno County) has won a \$1,710,521 prize (less federal taxes). The ticket matched five of the six winning numbers (10-33-41-12-36) from Wednesday night's draw, missing only the red Powerball number (2).

The winning ticket was purchased at University Market, located at 794 West Shaw Avenue in Clovis. We will not know the identity of the winner until he or she claims their prize. The ticket must then be verified by the California Lottery.

The California Lottery and its employees continue to serve an essential government function, providing funding to the state's public schools, colleges and universities. However, to protect the health and safety of Lottery employees and the public, Lottery representatives are not providing direct services to retailers at this time, and all Lottery offices are closed to the public. Claim processing periods are not affected by the health crisis at this time. In order to claim a prize, winners must mail their winning ticket and claim form. Forms and detailed mailing instruction can be found on the CA Lottery [website](#).

In addition to supporting public education, the Lottery also provides essential revenue to the local retailers that sell tickets. Based on sales levels during late March/early April this year, retailers across the state received over \$7 million per week in commissions and bonuses from the Lottery. This money directly helps local businesses – most of which are independently-owned by entrepreneurs who are trying to stay afloat during these difficult times. University Market will receive an estimated \$8,500 in commission for selling the winning ticket. University Market manager, Chris Benjamin, states "as a small business owner, the Lottery brings in income. It's not harming anyone and it's bringing happiness. Right now, anything that gives people an outlet to forget about what's happening and doesn't hurt us is a good thing".

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 transfers to public education total approximately \$1.8 billion for fiscal year 2018-19, which amounts to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely non-discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period the Lottery generated almost \$7 billion in sales, more than 95% of which goes

back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. The California Lottery urges its customers to play responsibly. Problem gambling resources are available to anyone at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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