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## A Winning Weekend for Several Lucky Californians

**SACRAMENTO** – California Lottery players scored a couple of huge wins over the weekend! A very lucky ticket hit the \$22 million *Mega Millions*® jackpot prize on Friday. Another lucky winner won \$137,230 by matching five of the six numbers in Saturday's *Powerball*® drawing.

The *Mega Millions* ticket worth \$22 million (less federal taxes) was sold in Mira Loma (Riverside County). The ticket matched all six winning numbers (46-69-48-12-35, and the Mega number 23) in the draw on July 31. The winning ticket was purchased at the Chevron gas station located at 12464 Limonite Ave in Mira Loma. The retailer will receive a \$110,000 bonus from the Lottery just for selling the winning ticket.

"We are glad the Lottery is operating during these difficult times because it provides us with opportunities to keep our business running," says Christian, the Chevron store manager. "Profits are great for the business! We will be putting the money we receive from this jackpot back into the business and continue to try our best to make our customers' day as best as possible."

A *Powerball* ticket sold in Woodland Hills (Los Angeles County) won \$137,230 (less federal taxes) in the draw on Saturday, August 1. The ticket matched five numbers (43-48-36-25-6), missing only the Powerball number 24. The winning ticket was purchased at another Chevron station, which is located at 5960 Canoga Avenue in Woodland Hills. Store manager Babul is thrilled, saying "The Lottery is helping our business, and we are happy about selling one of the biggest prizes at our store ever. It's a great feeling seeing someone win from a ticket we sold!"

We will not know the identity of the jackpot winners until the prizes are claimed. Each winning ticket must then be verified by the California Lottery.

The California Lottery is now providing safe, secured drop boxes for prize claims located at the Lottery's District Offices, including its new office in Milpitas. This modified service allows the Lottery to provide critical functions while maintaining a safe and healthy space for everyone. Players can also continue to claim Lottery prizes under \$599 at authorized Lottery retailers and claims for prizes over \$599 can be mailed. Claim forms and detailed instructions can be found on the CA Lottery <u>website</u>. Claimants using the modified drop box service should remember to **complete all claim forms before dropping them in the drop boxes at District Offices**.

The California Lottery and its employees continue to serve an essential government function, providing supplemental funding to the state's public schools, colleges and universities. 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 of 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 trying to stay afloat during these difficult times.

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## About the California Lottery

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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