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Million Dollar Mega Millions® Ticket Sold in Pacoima

SACRAMENTO – One California Lottery player is having a great start to the month of August. That is because a ticket sold in Pacoima (Los Angeles County) for last night's *Mega Millions* draw matched the numbers **9-34-17-1-27**, just missing the Mega number of 24. That lucky ticket is worth \$1,091,799.

The winning ticket was sold at Cortesia Market located at 11552 Glenoaks Boulevard in Pacoima (Los Angeles County). Cortesia Market receives a bonus of \$5,458 for selling that winning ticket.

Shoukat Ali, who owns Cortesia Market and other stores that sell California Lottery tickets, was happy with the win. "I am really happy for the customer who won. I'd love to be selling even more winning tickets. We sell millions of dollars worth of tickets (in our stores), and that money goes to the school districts. I am happy that I am part of that good system," Ali told the California Lottery.

Since no one won the *Mega Millions* jackpot last night, the *Mega Millions* jackpot for Friday is worth an estimated \$191 million.

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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 approximately \$1.5 billion for fiscal year 2019-20, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely nondiscretionary, 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 went 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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