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### ***Five Bay Area SuperLotto Plus® Players Share \$18 Million Win***

**SACRAMENTO** – Five *SuperLotto Plus* players ended 2020 in winning fashion.

**Michael Zhang, Ronnie Lau, Samuel Lee, Duc Luu, and Hui Leung** split the \$18 million jackpot won on December 26, 2020. That ticket was sold at Café Paradise, located at 2400 Monterey Highway in **San Jose (Santa Clara County)**. The group decided to take the cash option of \$13.6 million. If the prize is split evenly between the group of five, that is \$2,720,000 each before federal taxes.

“We usually all buy tickets together,” Zhang told the California Lottery. “We bought 20 *Mega Millions*® tickets, 20 *Powerball*® tickets, and 10 *SuperLotto Plus* tickets.”

Zhang said he held on to the tickets and got a text late in the evening on December 26 from one of the group members. “I scanned the ticket with the Check-A-Ticket app and found out we had won,” Zhang said.

“We decided to hold off until the (COVID-19) restrictions were lifted and took a trip to Sacramento. We went to the district office there and dropped the ticket off in the drop box.”

According to Zhang, no one in the group has decided what they are going to do with their money. Zhang also praised the California Lottery, saying that the claim process was made easy with the secure drop boxes available at the California Lottery District Offices.

**No photos or additional information about the winners will be released.**

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. The Lottery also provides essential revenue to more than 23,000 local businesses that sell tickets. 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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*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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