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\$2.6 Million *Mega Millions*® Ticket Sold in Los Angeles County

SACRAMENTO – A winning ticket worth \$2,694,898 was sold at a liquor store in the San Fernando Valley! Someone bought the ticket, which matched five numbers in last night's drawing (**14-56-6-19-62**) but missed the *Mega* number (**9**), at Jerry's Liquor located at 11010 Saticoy Street in Sun Valley.

Sam Hourany has owned the store for 25 years. He told the California Lottery he's excited one of his customers is a big winner and that selling Lottery products is great for his business. He says people who come in to buy lottery tickets usually end up buying other items as well. Hourany's store will receive a \$13,474 bonus for selling the winning ticket. He plans on putting the bonus he receives back into his business by improving his store and helping his family.

The California Lottery will not know the identity of the winner until they claim their prize. The winner has up to 180 days from the date of the draw to claim this prize.

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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 \$1.8 billion for fiscal year 2020-21, 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 \$8.4 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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