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\$699.8 Million *Powerball*® Ticket Sold in Morro Bay!

5th Largest Powerball Jackpot is California's First Powerball Jackpot Won in 2021

California is the Only State Where HUGE Jackpot Is Hit

SACRAMENTO – A California Lottery player who purchased a *Powerball*® ticket in Morro Bay (San Luis Obispo County) has won a \$699.8 million prize (less federal taxes). The ticket matched all six winning numbers (66-12-22-54-69, Powerball 15) from Monday night's draw, winning the 5th largest *Powerball* jackpot and the 7th largest jackpot in overall Lottery history. *Powerball* launched Monday draws on August 23rd, and this is the first jackpot won on the newest draw day.

The winning ticket was purchased at Albertsons located at 730 Quintana Rd. in Morro Bay. That retailer will receive a maximum bonus of \$1 million for selling the winning ticket.

If a person believes they have the winning ticket, they will need to complete a California Lottery claim form. Claim forms are available on our <u>website</u>, at all Lottery District Offices, and at any of our more than 23,000 Lottery retailers throughout the state. Lottery suggests winners sign the back on their ticket in ink, make a copy of the front and back and put it in a safe place until they can claim their prize.

The California Lottery will not know the identity of the winner until he or she claims their prize.

The California Lottery raises supplemental funding for 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.

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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 \$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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