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Atypical CA Lottery Retail Partner Celebrates a Mega Win During the Holidays

SACRAMENTO – When people think about where to buy lottery tickets, they probably think about gas stations, mini-marts, or grocery stores. Today, however, the California Lottery is revealing its latest millionaire is a player who bought a winning ticket at an Elks Lodge in Southern California!

Jaryd Hochberger is taking home \$3,135,094 on a Mega Millions® ticket that matched five of six numbers in an October draw. Hochberger bought that lucky ticket at the Elks Lodge #1917 on Washington Place in Culver City.

While Hochberger wishes to remain private about his plans for the money, the Culver City Elks Lodge is celebrating because they get \$15,675 just for selling that lucky ticket. While it's not your usual grocery store or gas station that sells winning California Lottery tickets, Culver City Elks Lodge members enjoy the convenience of buying tickets there.

"It's an additional source of income for us. Rather than having to go somewhere else, our members can buy tickets right here," Caspar de Jong, Culver City Elks Lodge treasurer, told the California Lottery.

De Jong also said their bonus money for selling the ticket will go into their general fund, which goes towards supporting unhoused individuals and veterans, as well as providing various other services in Southern California.

There are actually 26 Elks Lodges among the California Lottery's more than 23,000 retail partners.

Two other lucky California Lottery players are having a great end to 2022 as well. Gregory Sabalone won \$1,556,855 on a Powerball® ticket matching five of six numbers in another October drawing. That ticket was sold at CVS Pharmacy on Kenyon Way in Rancho Cucamonga.

The Powerball wins keep on rolling in, as Esteban Monis also matched five of six numbers, winning \$1,120,390 in a November drawing. That ticket was sold at My Good Market on Washington Avenue in San Leandro.



(Image of Elks Lodge #1917 on 11160 Washington Place in Culver City)

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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 \$1.88 billion for fiscal year 2020-21, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely 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 \$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. As the jackpots continue to grow, the California Lottery would also like to remind players to play responsibly and within their budgets. If you feel you have a gambling problem or know someone who does, you can get free confidential help by calling the California Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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