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***** U.S. Record JACKPOT ALERT *****

The Record Rolls on as the Powerball® Jackpot Hits an Estimated \$1.9 Billion

SACRAMENTO – A huge case of Monday Powerball mania is happening across the U.S. as tonight's jackpot hits a record-shattering \$1.9 billion. The draw tonight will set a new U.S. lottery record whether someone wins or not. **If no one wins tonight, the estimated jackpot for Wednesday is projected to be \$2.3 billion!**

Nobody hit the \$1.6 billion jackpot this past weekend, but three tickets in California from Saturday night's draw matched five numbers, just missing the Powerball number. Those tickets – now worth \$1,120,390 each – were sold in Susanville, Encinitas, and San Leandro.

Ahead of the newest record-setting Powerball draw, here are some facts to check out:

- The lump sum (cash option) amount for a single jackpot-winning ticket tonight is an estimated \$929.1 million before federal taxes are taken. The State of California does not tax Lottery prizes.
- As this record jackpot roll continues, public education in California is becoming a jackpot winner. The contribution to schools from this entire Powerball sequence is estimated to be approximately \$131.3 million.
- California's sales for this entire Powerball sequence, which started back in early August, total \$328.4 million through the close of last night's draw.
- The current jackpot has rolled 40 times since a player in Pennsylvania won the [\\$206.9 million](#) Powerball jackpot on August 3. Tonight's draw will be the 41st draw, tying the record for the highest number of draws in one jackpot sequence. The last time Powerball had this many consecutive draws with no top prize winner, a ticket sold in Morro Bay, California hit the jackpot worth \$699.8 million.

- California Lottery's retail partners are also winning in this jackpot run; they've earned an estimated \$19.2 million collectively in bonuses and commissions so far for selling Powerball tickets.

The deadline to buy Powerball tickets for tonight's draw is 7 p.m. The draw happens at 7:59 p.m. PT.

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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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