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Nearly \$800 Million up for Grabs Right Now as CA Lottery Announces Newest Millionaires

SACRAMENTO – Jackpots are growing significantly this week for three of California Lottery's most popular games, all while there are six new millionaires being unveiled.

Tonight's <u>Powerball®</u> jackpot has reached **\$353 million**, and California's original millionaire-maker, <u>SuperLotto Plus®</u>, features a jackpot worth **\$30 million** tonight. Later this week, Friday's <u>Mega Millions®</u> jackpot has already grown to **\$410 million**. That trio of jackpots adds up to **\$793 million!**

The jackpot excitement is building as the California Lottery unveils its latest millionaires.

Shalom Katz tried his luck at Mega Millions back in June. Even though he only matched five numbers, he still won \$7.7 million! Katz bought his lucky ticket at the CVS on South La Brea Avenue in Los Angeles; that store gets \$35,000 for selling the winning ticket.

Elsewhere in LA County, Koo Young Lim had a similar experience with a Powerball ticket he picked up at United Oil in Glendale. He matched five correct numbers and won \$1.4 million.

But wait! There's more. There are four more new California Lottery millionaires being unveiled today. These lucky winners won a combined total of \$9 million playing Scratchers® games.

- Miriam Karina Lopez Perez won \$5 million on a \$5,000,000 Extreme Cash Scratchers ticket from Jim's Liquor in Pomona.
- Varant Palanjian won \$2 million playing an <u>Instant Prize Crossword</u> Scratchers ticket purchased at Stater Bros. in Pasadena.
- Richard Galindo Jr. won \$1 million on a <u>50X Fortune</u> Scratchers ticket he picked up at 7-Eleven in Encino.
- Sang Hwang also won \$1 million playing a <u>50X Fortune</u> Scratchers ticket from Five Points Liquor Store in Anaheim.

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 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. The California Lottery urges its customers to play responsibly. Problem gambling resources are available to anyone at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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