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## Lucky Mega Millions® Ticket Sold in Southern California Now Worth More Than \$3.1 Million

**SACRAMENTO** – The Mega Millions jackpot has now grown to an estimated \$445 million after no one hit the jackpot in Friday night's draw. A lucky ticket sold at the Elks Lodge in Culver City (Los Angeles County), however, was one of two across the country to match five correct numbers, missing only the Mega number. That ticket is now worth \$3,135,094!

The winning numbers from last night are: 6-11-29-36-55 and Mega number 21. The other ticket to match five numbers was sold in Texas. The Culver City Elks Lodge – which is on Washington Place near Sepulveda Blvd – gets a bonus of more than \$15,000 just for selling the winning ticket.

The Lottery will not know who the winner is until they come forward to claim the multimillion-dollar prize. The next <u>Mega Millions</u> draw happens Tuesday. Tickets are \$2 each, and California players can buy them at more than <u>23,000 places</u> across the state.

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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 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 jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget, or using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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