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California Lottery Director Swears In Newest Commissioner

SACRAMENTO – California State Lottery Director Alva V. Johnson today administered the oath of office, formally swearing in new Lottery Commissioner Anthony Garrison-Engbrecht.



California State Lottery Director Alva V. Johnson administers the oath of office to newly appointed Lottery Commissioner Anthony Garrison-Engbrecht at Lottery Headquarters in Sacramento. The Commissioner's husband, Richard, proudly holds the California Constitution.

"I really look forward to working with the other Commissioners and am honored to serve the State of California in this capacity," said Garrison-Engbrecht. "I appreciate the opportunity to leverage my experience in higher education to help further the Lottery's mission."

Commissioner Garrison-Engbrecht was appointed to the California Lottery Commission by [Governor Gavin Newsom](#) in July. He is the Vice President of Student Life at Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga. Prior to that, he held multiple positions at the University of California, Merced from 2019 to 2021, including Senior Advisor and Chief of Staff. Garrison-Engbrecht also held multiple positions at the University of California, Berkeley from 2018 to 2019 and several positions at Loyola Marymount University from 2008 to 2017, including Director of Leadership Programs and LGBTQ+ Student Services.

Garrison-Engbrecht earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Curriculum Theory from Chapman University.

“It is a pleasure to welcome Commissioner Garrison-Engbrecht on board. The experience he brings from the higher education community will be an asset,” said Director Johnson. “We look forward to working with him on furthering the California Lottery’s mission of providing supplemental funding to public education in the state.”

It has been a busy summer for the California State Lottery Commission. In August, Commissioner Keetha Mills was confirmed by the California State Senate. The vote was 39-0.

The five-member [Lottery Commission](#) is mandated by the California State Lottery Act of 1984 to oversee the Lottery, ensuring integrity, security, fairness, and transparency in the operation. The Commission consists of five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Lottery’s next Commission meeting will be held at Lottery Headquarters in Sacramento on September 29, 2022. All Commission meetings are open to the public.

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

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