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### ***\$1.5 Million Powerball® Ticket Set to Expire If No One Comes Forward, Schools Still Win***

**SACRAMENTO** – Days have turned into weeks, weeks have turned into months, and the California Lottery is still waiting for the player who bought a winning Powerball ticket in Los Gatos this past October to come forward. **The \$1,556,855 prize will expire next week, on Monday, April 24, 2023**, if it is not claimed.

The winning ticket was one of two that matched five numbers, missing only the Powerball number, in the draw on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. The winning ticket sold in Southern California has already been claimed, but the other one sold in Santa Clara County is still a mystery. That ticket was purchased at the Mobil gas station (formerly 76) at 15380 Los Gatos Boulevard in Los Gatos.



At this point, there is no way of knowing if it was a local resident who bought the lucky Powerball ticket, or if it was someone just passing through. Anyone who has bought lottery tickets from that store would be wise to search their car, junk drawer, wallet, or any other place they stash their tickets and see if they have one that matches the

numbers drawn on that date. The winning ticket matched **19-36-37-46-56**, missing only the red Powerball number **24**.

Powerball winners in California who match five numbers have 180 days from the date of the draw to claim their prize. If nobody submits a claim in time, **the \$1.5 million prize money will instead go to public schools in California in line with the Lottery's mission**. The Lottery exists solely to generate extra money for public education and has raised **more than \$1 billion just in unclaimed prizes** since Lottery tickets first went on sale in 1985.

If a person believes they have the winning ticket, first and foremost, they should sign the back of that ticket! Then, get it to one of the Lottery's [nine offices](#) throughout the state and complete the official [claim form](#). Bay Area locations include [Milpitas](#) and [Richmond](#). Our team will help the claimant through the process. The winner also has the option of sending in the claim form and winning ticket by mail.

The outstanding \$1.5 million ticket **needs to be postmarked or claimed in person by Monday, April 24, 2023**. All claim information, including directions for mailing in a claim, is summarized on the California Lottery [website](#).

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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 approximately \$2 billion for fiscal year 2021-22, 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 more than \$8.8 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. 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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