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### ***Five Things CA Lottery Players Should Know About Tonight's Massive Powerball® Drawing***

**SACRAMENTO** – Tonight's *Powerball*® jackpot is estimated at a whopping **\$900 million**, the third largest *Powerball* jackpot ever, behind only the world record [\\$2.04 billion jackpot](#) hit in Los Angeles County last year and the \$1.586 billion jackpot won in 2016. Tonight's top prize also ranks as the 7th largest U.S. lottery jackpot when considering both *Powerball* and *Mega Millions*®, which currently has an advertised jackpot of \$640 million for tomorrow night's draw. This is the third time ever that both *Powerball* and *Mega Millions* have estimated jackpots above a half a billion dollars at the same time.

With both games growing exponentially, the California Lottery wants its players to keep five things in mind:

- The only safe and secure way to play in California is for players to buy their tickets in person at one of CA Lottery's more than [23,000 retail partner locations](#). Online or app-based lottery ticket sales are illegal in California, and anyone who buys their tickets through online lottery ticket resellers is not eligible to win.
- The California Lottery reminds players to enjoy these games responsibly. People should play within their budgets. If a player recognizes that they have a problem or know someone who does, they can call the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER, a program California Lottery is proud to support.
- Hitting the jackpot is just one way to win. *Powerball* offers nine different prize tiers. This past Saturday night, no one across any jurisdiction hit the jackpot, but there were still more than [348,000 winning tickets](#) sold in California. The odds of winning at any prize level are about 1 in 25.
- *Powerball* draws on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Players can consider taking advantage of Advance Play, which lets someone play multiple draws with one purchase up to 10 draws. All *Powerball* rules can be found [here](#) on the California Lottery website.
- Last, but certainly not least, *Powerball* players are supporting the California Lottery's sole mission, which is to raise additional money for our state's public education system. The Lottery has given California public schools more than \$41 billion since voters created the organization

in 1984. Approximately 80 cents of every *Powerball* ticket sold in California goes to public schools.

To learn more about the California Lottery and its mission, please visit <https://www.calottery.com/who-benefits>.

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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 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. 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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