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MEDIA ADVISORY: Press Conference in Los Angeles Where Jackpot-Winning Powerball® Ticket Worth \$1.08 Billion Was Sold

SACRAMENTO – Only one ticket in the entire country matched all six *Powerball* numbers drawn Wednesday night to win a jackpot worth \$1.08 billion. That ticket was sold at Las Palmitas Mini Market in downtown Los Angeles, a store that now receives a bonus of \$1 million from the California Lottery. Lottery officials will hold a press conference Thursday morning at Las Palmitas (details below).

The winning numbers from Wednesday night's game were: 7, 10, 11, 13, 24 and red *Powerball* 24. The California Lottery will not know who the winner is until they come forward to claim their prize, and that winner has up to a year from the date of the draw to do so. Should the jackpot winner opt to take the lump sum, the cash value of the winning ticket is \$558.1 million before federal taxes. The State of California does not tax lottery winnings.

This *Powerball* jackpot eluded players for three months, before it was finally hit in the 39th drawing of the jackpot run. Thanks to just that sequence, the California Lottery raised an additional \$78.4 million for public education. Raising money for public schools is the sole mission of the California Lottery, and higher jackpots maximize the opportunity for additional revenue as more people play. For every *Powerball* ticket sold in California, eighty cents goes toward public schools.

This was the third largest *Powerball* jackpot and sixth largest U.S. lottery jackpot ever won.

PRESS CONFERENCE DETAILS

Where: Las Palmitas Mini Market, 1205 Wall Street, Los Angeles

When: Approx. 11AM

What: California Lottery spokesperson Carolyn Becker will display a large check of \$1,000,000 for the retailer and answer questions about the historic billion-dollar-plus jackpot win

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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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