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## \$1.4 Million Winning Ticket Sold in Torrance as Mega Millions® Jackpot Grows to \$240 Million

**SACRAMENTO** – One lucky California Lottery player could soon become the state's newest millionaire after a ticket sold in Torrance matched five of six numbers in last night's *Mega Millions* drawing.

The winning ticket, which is now worth \$1,442,494, was sold at the ampm minimart at 1800 West Artesia Boulevard in Torrance (Los Angeles County). The ticket matched numbers **29-57-23-6-12**, just missing the Mega number 4.

Another big winner is public education in California for which Lottery has raised an estimated \$15.2 million dollars thanks to *Mega Millions* ticket sales in the Golden State for this draw sequence. The current jackpot roll started in mid-April after the jackpot was last hit in New York.

No one in any state hit the *Mega Millions* jackpot last night, so it's now grown to an estimated \$240 million for Friday night's drawing. Californians have more than <u>23,000 options</u> for places to buy their tickets. *Mega Millions* draws take place Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. PT. People can find all the details about *Mega Millions*, including odds of winning at any prize level, on the <u>California Lottery</u> website.



(Image of the ampm located at 1800 West Artesia Boulevard in Torrance)

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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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