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Donut Shop Sells Mega Millions® Ticket Worth Nearly \$2.3 Million!

SACRAMENTO – Buying a Mega Millions ticket at a Southern California donut shop turned out to be a pretty sweet deal for one California Lottery player. That’s because one ticket matched the numbers **55-1-38-23-7**, just missing the Mega Number 2. That ticket which was sold at Home Style Donuts located at 12840 Pioneer Boulevard in Norwalk (Los Angeles County) is worth \$2,296,629.

“It is good news in the morning. You made my day. It is really great. We are lucky!” Said An Chao, owner of Home Style Donuts. Chao said their family has owned the store for a year, and this was by far the biggest ticket they have sold. Home Style Donuts, which has been in the Norwalk community for 20 years, will receive an \$11,483 bonus just for selling the ticket.

No one won last night’s Mega Millions jackpot, so that means that Friday’s jackpot is now an estimated \$254 million. Californians have more than 23,000 options for where to buy their tickets. Mega Millions draws take place Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. PT. Players have to buy tickets before 7:45 p.m. on the day of the draw in order to be included. Any tickets purchased after 7:45 p.m. would be eligible for the following draw. Players can find all the details about Mega Millions, including odds of winning at any prize level, on the [California Lottery website](https://www.calottery.com).



(Image of Home Style Donuts in Norwalk)

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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 \$1.88 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. 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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