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### ***California Lottery Player Missed \$2+ Billion Jackpot by One Number, Comes Forward To Claim Prize... Still Worth More Than a Million***

**SACRAMENTO** – As Powerball® fever was sweeping the nation back in November, many California Lottery players dreamed of winning the big \$2+ billion jackpot. [While one player can claim that record-setting windfall](#), there were plenty of second-place prizes to go around. And in this case, that second-place prize was still worth more than \$1 million!

Ana Contreras claimed her \$1,149,661 prize on a Powerball ticket that matched five of six numbers from that historic November 7 drawing. That lucky ticket was sold at Stues Dairy in Gardena (Los Angeles County).

Players like Contreras, who bought tickets during that historic Powerball run, helped support the California Lottery's mission to raise additional funding for public education in a big way. Public schools received \$156.3 million just from that draw sequence that lasted three months, an all-time record in California Lottery history.

Stues Dairy gets a bonus of nearly \$6,000 for selling that ticket, which was one of three that matched five numbers in that drawing.



(Image of Stues Dairy on South Western Avenue in Gardena)

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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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