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California Lottery Welcomes New Commissioner

SACRAMENTO – In a virtual swearing-in ceremony today, California State Lottery Director Alva V. Johnson formally welcomed new Lottery Commissioner Alexandre Rasouli.



“We’re pleased to have Dr. Rasouli join the Lottery Commission, and it’s an honor to swear him in today,” said Director Johnson. “We look forward to working with him on furthering the California Lottery’s mission, which is to raise supplemental funding for public education.”

Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Dr. Rasouli to the Lottery Commission [in February](#). Rasouli is an orthopedic surgeon in Los Angeles County and is a member of the North American Spine Society. He earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of California, Irvine.

The five-member [California Lottery Commission](#) oversees the Lottery’s business and operations, ensuring integrity, security, fairness, and transparency. The Commission consists of five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Lottery’s next Commission meeting will be held at Lottery Headquarters in Sacramento on March 30, 2023. All Commission meetings are open to the public.

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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 \$1.8 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. The California Lottery urges its customers to play responsibly. Problem gambling resources are available to anyone at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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