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CA Lottery Player Strikes It Rich for the Second Time!

Two Additional Millionaires Revealed Today Thanks to Winning on the Same Popular Scratchers® Game

SACRAMENTO – When Ruby Evans finished scratching her *Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers®* in her car outside a Compton donut shop, she thought she'd won \$2,000 on one of the tickets.



She went back inside Sweet Time Donuts and asked for a claim form, knowing she'd won a sweet amount of money.

Imagine her shock though when the owner scanned Evans' ticket and a different figure with three extra zeros appeared on the Lottery terminal screen. Evans hadn't won \$2,000 as she thought; she actually won \$2,000,000, the game's top prize.

This isn't even the first time Evans has taken home a big California Lottery prize. She said she won \$100,000 playing a different Scratchers game back in 2013!

"I'll tell you what, this is a big blessing. It's given me a chance to pay off my bills, my mortgage, and help my daughters," Evans told the California Lottery. "I'm having fun."

This \$2 million win isn't going to stop Evans from playing the Crossword Scratchers she loves so much. In fact, she said she also recently won \$5,000 at Sweet Time Donuts. Evans says her fellow customers now tease her whenever they see her at the donut shop.

"They say 'Ruby, haven't you won enough? Save some winners for all of us,'" Evans laughed.

Evans said she's also thrilled to hear the owners of Sweet Time Donuts get a \$10,000 bonus for selling her \$2 million ticket.

She is one of two California Lottery millionaires being unveiled

today, and both won \$2 million on the *Instant Prize Crossword* game.

Job Aguirre bought his lucky ticket at Studio City 76 located at 12863 Ventura Boulevard. The owner of that business also gets a \$10,000 bonus.



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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.