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A Particularly Sweet Win for California Lottery's Newest Millionaire

SACRAMENTO – The delectable sweetness of Master's Donuts in Oxnard was surpassed earlier this year by an even sweeter event: the sale of a million-dollar winning *Mega Millions*® ticket. Today, the California Lottery is announcing the name of the winner who bought it.

Alfredo Espinoza Soto can now celebrate that \$1,698,158 windfall after he bought a ticket for the *Mega Millions* draw happening back on July 7, matching the first five numbers, just missing the Mega number. Soto only recently came forward to claim that prize and has now been vetted and declared the winner.

Master's Donuts is no stranger to big winning California Lottery tickets.

"We sell a lot of tickets. We have a pretty long line when the jackpots are high," Michelle Senna, owner of Master's Donuts, told the California Lottery. "We sold a \$1 million *Scratchers*® ticket about ten years ago."

Senna, who has owned the store since 1987, said she got a phone call from a customer telling her the store had sold a winning *Mega Millions* ticket. Master's Donuts gets a bonus of more than \$8,000 just for selling that lucky winner.

"I am going to use the money to take time off and spend time with family," Senna said.

This was one of several winning tickets matching five of six numbers during a big year of jackpots in California, and there could be another big winner soon with both [Mega Millions and Powerball](#)® [having jackpots](#) over \$350 million this week.

Each [Mega Millions](#) and [Powerball](#) ticket is \$2, and for every ticket sold in California, about 80 cents helps support public education. To learn more about the mission of the California Lottery and how much money has been raised for schools in each county, click [here](#).



Master's Donuts on North Oxnard Boulevard in Oxnard

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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 \$2.07 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 \$8.85 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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