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Mega Millions® Ticket Sold in California Wins \$2.3+ Million; Tonight's Powerball® Jackpot Estimated at \$1.4 Billion

SACRAMENTO – A lucky ticket sold in Clovis (Fresno County) matched five numbers in Friday night's *Mega Millions* draw, winning a second-place prize of more than \$2.3 million. The [winning numbers](#) were 12, 24, 46, 57, 66, and Mega number 22. The winning ticket was sold at Vallee Liquor, which will now get a bonus of more than \$11,000.

Meanwhile, millions of Californians are getting in on a chance at the [Powerball jackpot](#), which is projected to be \$1.4 billion – the highest of the year so far. Tonight's estimated top prize ranks as the third largest in *Powerball's* history and the fifth largest among all lottery jackpots in the U.S.

Final ticket sales will determine whether tonight's jackpot climbs beyond the current estimate. It's not uncommon for sales to peak in the final hours leading up to the draw, which is slated to happen at 8pm PT. So far, thanks to this continuing *Powerball* sequence, California Lottery has raised nearly \$90 million for public education just from sales of this game alone.

Powerball has been growing since July when a lucky ticket sold in Los Angeles matched all six numbers, winning a whopping [\\$1.08 billion jackpot](#). The person who bought that ticket has one year from the date of the draw to come forward and claim the prize, triggering a series of [significant steps](#) before California Lottery can declare a winner.

Each *Powerball* ticket is \$2. For every ticket sold in California, about 80 cents helps support public schools, including K-12, community colleges, and public universities. To learn more about the mission of the California Lottery and how much money has been raised for schools in each county, click [here](#).

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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. As jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget or

using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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