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MEDIA ADVISORY: Press Conference in Frazier Park Where Jackpot-Winning Powerball® Ticket Worth \$1.765 Billion Was Sold

SACRAMENTO – Only one ticket in the entire country matched all six *Powerball* numbers drawn Wednesday night to win a jackpot worth \$1.765 billion. That ticket was sold at Midway Market & Liquor in Frazier Park (Kern County), a store that now receives a bonus of \$1 million from the California Lottery. Lottery officials will hold a press conference Thursday afternoon to celebrate the win (details below).

The winning numbers from Wednesday night's game were 22,24, 40, 52, 64 and Powerball 10. The California Lottery will not know who the winner is until they come forward to claim their prize. Click here to read more about what happens after a big jackpot is hit in California. Should the jackpot winner opt to take the lump sum, the cash value of the winning ticket is \$774.1 million before federal taxes. The State of California does not tax lottery winnings.

This *Powerball* jackpot eluded players for nearly three months and marked the first time in history *Powerball* offered back-to-back billion-dollar jackpots. Thanks to just this sequence, the California Lottery raised an additional \$119.5 million for public education. Raising money for public schools is the sole mission of the California Lottery, and higher jackpots maximize the opportunity for additional revenue as more people play. For every *Powerball* ticket sold in California, eighty cents goes toward public schools.

This was the second largest *Powerball* jackpot and second largest U.S. lottery jackpot ever won.

PRESS CONFERENCE DETAILS

Where: Midway Market & Liquor, 6032 Frazier Mountain Park Road, #1 in Frazier Park (Kern County)

When: Approximately 1PM

What: California Lottery spokesperson Carolyn Becker will display a large check of \$1,000,000 for

the retailer and answer questions about the historic billion-dollar-plus jackpot win

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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 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. 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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