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Another Powerball® Drawing, Another California Lottery Player With a Million-Dollar Win!

SACRAMENTO – For the third *Powerball* drawing in a row, a California Lottery player has won more than a million dollars. One lucky ticket sold at the 7-Eleven on Lake Forest Drive in Lake Forest (Orange County) matched the first five numbers correctly Monday night, missing only the Powerball, to earn a prize of \$1,064,543. The winning numbers were 16-34-46-55-67, and 14.

Though four tickets across the country matched five numbers, not a single ticket hit the jackpot. That means Wednesday night's *Powerball* jackpot is now projected to be \$1.725 billion, which would be the second largest in history, behind only the <u>world-record \$2.04 billion *Powerball* jackpot</u> won in California last November.

That 2022 jackpot run helped California Lottery to raise a record \$156.3 million for public education – the most ever earned in a single jackpot roll. Thanks to this current sequence, in which the *Powerball* jackpot has rolled 35 consecutive times so far, **California Lottery has raised \$105.3 million for public schools** just from sales of this game alone.

"Even though the pot keeps growing with no grand-prize winner, we're celebrating millions of winners every week in the form of public-school students," said Carolyn Becker, California Lottery spokesperson. "That's because when the jackpot gets this high, more people play. And when more people play, California Lottery raises more money for public education, helping to boost programs and services students may not otherwise have without Lottery funds."

For every \$2 *Powerball* ticket sold in California, approximately 80 cents helps fund public schools. *Powerball* is played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, with drawings happening at 7:59pm PT.

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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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