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Winning Ticket Hits \$18 Million SuperLotto Plus® Jackpot

SACRAMENTO – One lucky ticket sold in West Sacramento matched all six numbers in Wednesday night's *SuperLotto Plus* draw, hitting an \$18 million jackpot.

The winning numbers are 12, 16, 29, 31, 44, and 20. Anyone who bought their *SuperLotto Plus* ticket at Southport Mart on Jefferson Blvd should be checking their numbers to discover whether they are the winner.

Players can use any of the following ways to see if they've won:

- Check <u>this page</u> on the California Lottery website to verify the winning numbers and prize amounts
- Download the California Lottery mobile app and use the Check-A-Ticket feature
- Use a Check-A-Ticket machine at any of the thousands of California Lottery retail locations

For *SuperLotto* Plus, the jackpot-winner has six months to come forward. Once they've been <u>declared</u> <u>the winner</u>, they can choose to take the \$18,000,000 over 30 annual payments, or they can elect the lump sum cash value of the prize, which is \$8,589,609 before federal taxes. The State of California does not tax Lottery winnings.

SuperLotto Plus is one of <u>eight draw games</u> offered by California Lottery. Approximately 40 percent of all draw game ticket sales in California go toward helping fund <u>public education</u>. The California Lottery has raised more than \$41.5 billion for public schools, kindergarten through the university level since games first went on sale in 1985.

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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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