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\$2.9+ Million California Lottery Ticket Remains Unclaimed With Deadline Approaching

SACRAMENTO – A *Mega Millions*® ticket worth \$2,941,708 million that was purchased in Los Angeles is about to expire this weekend. The ticket for the December 12 drawing last year, came from the SK gas station at 11280 National Boulevard.

That ticket matched the numbers 8, 23, 44, 45, and 53, just missing the Mega Number 3 that night.



(Image of SK gas station on National Boulevard in Los Angeles)

Anyone with that winning ticket has until 5 p.m. Friday to bring the ticket to one of California Lottery's [nine offices across the state](#). The claimant can also fill out paperwork [found here](#) with the ticket and paperwork postmarked on or before Saturday, June 8.



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Given this weekend's deadline, the Lottery is encouraging all players to double-check any *Mega Millions* tickets they're hanging onto as soon as possible. If a person believes they have the winning ticket, they'll need to complete a California Lottery claim form. In addition to being available online, players can also find the forms at [all Lottery Offices](#) or at any of the [more than 23,000 California Lottery retail partners](#) throughout the state.

Players can submit their [signed claim form](#), along with the winning ticket, in person, or they can mail the documents to:

California Lottery Headquarters
730 North 10th Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

Mega Millions winners who match five numbers have 180 days from the date of the draw to claim their prize. If nobody submits a claim by this weekend, the \$2.9 million will go to public schools in California in line with the Lottery's mission. The California Lottery exists solely to generate extra money for public education and has raised **more than \$1.1 billion just in unclaimed prizes** since tickets first went on sale in 1985.

While there were no big *Mega Millions* jackpot winners from California for the recent run, the \$552 million jackpot hit in Illinois Tuesday night turned out to be a big win for our state's schools. The California Lottery earned an estimated \$42.8 million for public education from ticket sales during those 20 *Mega Millions* draws.

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$43.8 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight [draw games](#) and dozens of new instant [Scratchers](#) games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, [retailer commissions and bonuses](#), and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found [here](#). California Lottery is also committed to promoting [responsible gaming](#). Anyone who shows signs of a gambling problem, or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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