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### ***\$1.7 Million Winning Mega Millions® Ticket Sold at Lucky CA Lottery Shop in Sacramento***

*Powerball® Jackpot Tonight Offers More Chances at Millions*

**SACRAMENTO** – The *Mega Millions* jackpot has evaded players once again, now soaring to an estimated \$977 million for Friday. One California Lottery ticket, however, sold at a lucky retailer in Sacramento won more than \$1.7 million for matching the first five numbers correctly in Tuesday's draw.

Lichine's Liquor & Deli is well-known in Sacramento for selling lucky Lottery tickets. The market, which is in a South Land Park shopping center, is accustomed to drawing long lines when jackpots jump this high.



CA Lottery players form long lines at Lichine's Liquor & Deli in Sacramento as jackpots grow, as pictured above in October of 2022 when the Powerball jackpot topped \$1 billion.



Three other tickets in three other states also matched five numbers correctly, each winning \$1 million. California, however, is unique among its partner *Powerball* and *Mega Millions* states. In every other state, a ticket matching five numbers wins a fixed million-dollar prize. In California, all prize levels are parimutuel, which means – like jackpots – even the lower prize pots are split among the number of players who win in the same way. Sales in California for both multi-state games also continue to accumulate to boost each of the lower prize levels until that prize is won here.

In Tuesday night's case, only one ticket in California for the [Mega Millions draw](#) matched five numbers, so the second-place prize wound up being more than \$1.7 million. The winner has 180 days from the date of the draw to [claim their prize](#).

Tonight, California Lottery players can try their luck again – this time with [Powerball](#), currently advertising an estimated jackpot of a still giant \$687 million.

With both the *Mega Millions* and *Powerball* jackpots approaching the billion-dollar threshold, California Lottery has been able to raise an **additional \$115.4 million for public education**, thanks to sales of each of these games during these months-long jackpot runs. Raising additional [supplemental income for public schools](#) is the sole mission of the California Lottery, and approximately 80 cents from every *Mega Millions* or *Powerball* ticket sold here helps schools boost their bottom lines.

Tonight's drawing is at 7:59pm PT. Players can buy their tickets at one of more than [23,000 California Lottery retail partner locations](#).

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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](#). 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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