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California Lottery Makes Another Millionaire, While Mega Millions® Jackpot Keeps on Rolling

SACRAMENTO – A *Mega Millions* ticket sold in Riverside County matched five correct numbers in Tuesday night's draw, <u>winning more than \$2.1 million</u>! The ticket came from the Stater Bros. Market on Ramon Road in Cathedral City. The winning numbers were 2, 49, 50, 61, 70, and Mega number 14.

Meanwhile, no one in any state hit the jackpot, so the top prize now rolls to an estimated \$687 million for Friday night's drawing.

This rolling jackpot sequence began in December with no grand-prize winner since. In that time, the California Lottery estimates it has raised an **additional \$50.2 million for public education** just from *Mega Millions* sales alone. Schools rely on Lottery funds for programs and services they may not otherwise be able to offer for students in kindergarten through 12th grade as well as at the community college and university level.

Mega Millions tickets are \$2 each; approximately 80 cents of every ticket sold in California helps public schools.

As jackpots rise, the California Lottery also reminds players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget or using money set aside for something else can 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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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 <u>draw games</u> and dozens of new instant <u>Scratchers</u> games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, <u>retailer commissions</u> and bonuses, and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found <u>here</u>.

