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Mega Millions® Jackpot Evades California Lottery Players Once Again, But One Lucky Ticket Still Wins \$1+ Million

SACRAMENTO – With just one ticket from New Jersey hitting the *Mega Millions* jackpot Tuesday night, all eyes in California are now solely fixed on tonight's *Powerball*® top prize, estimated at \$865 million.

Mega Millions didn't totally evade California Lottery players, however. A lucky ticket sold in Van Nuys matched the first five numbers correctly, winning more than a million dollars. That second-place ticket came from D & K Liquor, winning \$1,058,180. The store gets a bonus of \$5290.90 for selling it.

There were actually more than half a million winning tickets sold in California ahead of Tuesday night's draw, at varying prize levels. **The winning numbers were 7, 11, 22, 29, 38, and 4.**

Between the months-long rolling *Mega Millions* and *Powerball* sequences, California Lottery has raised roughly **\$146 million for public education** just from sales of those two games alone.

If a single player wins tonight's *Powerball* top prize, they'll have the chance to take either the final jackpot total over 30 annual payments or the cash value, which is currently estimated at \$416.1 million.

Powerball draws tonight at 7:59pm. If no one hits the jackpot, it will roll to a projected \$935 million for Saturday.

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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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