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Winning Powerball® Ticket Sold in California Worth Nearly \$1.4 Million

SACRAMENTO – While no one anywhere hit the jackpot in Wednesday night's *Powerball* draw, one ticket sold in Sacramento matched five numbers, winning nearly \$1.4 million.

The <u>winning numbers</u> were 6, 15, 18, 33, 49, and 7. The lucky ticket, worth \$1,391,550, came from the ARCO am/pm gas station at Marconi Ave and Eastern Ave in Sacramento. That store gets a bonus of almost \$7,000. Any California Lottery retail partner that sells a winning ticket with a prize of \$1 million or more earns a bonus. There are <u>more than 23,000 California Lottery retail locations</u> across the state.

With no big grand prize winner, the *Powerball* jackpot is now at an estimated \$88 million for Saturday's draw.

Meanwhile, the *Mega Millions* jackpot has skyrocketed over the past few weeks, now at a projected <u>\$825 million</u> for tomorrow night's drawing. Continued strong sales could boost that prize pot even higher tomorrow, ahead of the draw. There have been 28 straight *Mega Millions* draws with no grand prize winner. The next drawing happens tomorrow night at 8pm PT.

Mega Millions and *Powerball* each cost \$2 to play, and for every ticket sold in California, approximately 80 cents goes to <u>help fund public education</u>.

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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 \$46 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 geose back to the community in the form of prize payments, <u>fetailer commissions and bonuses</u>, and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found <u>here</u>. 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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