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### ***Redwood City Store Scratchers® Sale Makes a Millionaire***

*\$2 Million Win Is a 20-Year Milestone for This Neighborhood Market*

**SACRAMENTO** – Everyone in the neighborhood around Roosevelt Liquor & Grocery, on the corner of Roosevelt Avenue and El Camino Real in Redwood City, knows Steve. He and his wife have owned the corner market there for the past 20 years.

“Most of the people who come in have been here for 10 years or more,” says Steve. “We have great relationships.”

Steve is no stranger to selling California Lottery games and considers it a great income stream for his small business, one that he is proud to support because of the California Lottery’s mission. Now, for the first time in 20 years, his corner store can proudly claim to be a millionaire-maker. Prior to this sale, the biggest prize he remembers selling was \$250,000. This time, he sold a prize worth \$2 million!

For selling a Scratchers top prize over \$1 million, Steve and his store will receive a bonus of \$10,000. His plans for the bonus?

“Next year I’m going to go to New York and visit my friend!”

### ***Who is the lucky winner?***

The winner of the \$2 million prize still needs to go through the standard claims process for all big California Lottery winners,



*Steve, Owner of Roosevelt Liquor & Grocery, Redwood City*



which includes being vetted by law enforcement officers to verify the legitimacy of the win. After the winner comes forward and the [claims process](#) is complete, which usually takes about 6-8 weeks, the winner will receive their prize.

The rigorous vetting process for any major win underscores the California Lottery's commitment to maintaining public trust and ensuring that prizes are awarded to rightful winners.

## *You Play, Schools Win*

[Since 1985, the California Lottery has fulfilled its mission of providing supplemental funding](#) to public education while paying more than \$90 billion to Lottery winners in every corner of the state. Out of the \$154.4 billion in revenue generated by California Lottery sales over the past 40 years, over 95%, a total of \$147.3 billion, returned to local communities through retailer compensation, contributions to education, and prize payouts.

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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 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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