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One for the Books: One CA Lottery Ticket Hits Massive Mega Millions® 2nd-Place Prize

Winning Ticket Sold in Los Angeles County Worth \$4.6+ Million

SACRAMENTO – One *Mega Millions* ticket matching the first five numbers in Friday night's drawing has earned its way into the California Lottery record books this weekend. That ticket – now worth more than \$4.6 million – is the second highest 2nd-place win for *Mega Millions* in California in the past 10 years.

The winning ticket, sold at Spirits World Liquor on Burbank Boulevard in Tarzana, carries a prize of \$4,607,223. The winning numbers were 2, 6, 8, 14, 49, and Mega Number 12. Nobody in the entire United States matched all six numbers, so the jackpot now climbs to an estimated \$182 million for Tuesday night's game.

In the summer of 2022, California Lottery had an even bigger second-place prize-winning *Mega Millions* ticket – one worth more than \$7.7 million from a draw in June of that year.

In any other state, someone with a ticket matching five numbers would win a fixed prize of at least \$2 million, depending on the randomly assigned multiplier. In California, the prizes are all paid on a pari-mutuel basis, which means a winning *Mega Millions* ticket – even in a 2nd place or lower prize tier – can sometimes earn a much larger prize. The odds of matching the first five numbers correctly are 1 in 12,629,232.

The California Lottery won't know who Friday night's big winner is until they come forward. Winning ticket holders can find claim forms on the [California Lottery website](#). Players can also pick up a claim form at any of the more than 23,000 California Lottery [retail partner locations](#).

The California Lottery does not announce the names of winners until after they've been vetted by law enforcement, declared the rightful winner, and received their official prize payment.



Mega Millions is \$5 to play, and from every ticket sold, approximately two dollars goes to public schools. Raising supplemental funding for public education is the sole mission of the California Lottery. Anyone can see how much has been raised for schools in California by county or by school district at www.calottery.com/whobenefits.

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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](#). California Lottery is also committed to promoting [responsible gaming](#). Anyone who shows signs of a gambling problem, or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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