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MEDIA ADVISORY: Tomorrow, March 17, 2025 California Lottery to Announce Winner of Historic \$1.2+ Billion Mega Millions® Jackpot

SACRAMENTO – Tomorrow, on what many consider to be the luckiest day of the year, the California Lottery will be in Cottonwood, California, to announce the sole, very lucky winner of the largest *Mega Millions* jackpot in state history. One winning ticket sold in Shasta County at the Sunshine Food and Gas Circle K matched all six numbers on the December 27th draw for a jackpot prize of more than \$1.2 billion.

The winner **will not be present** for the announcement and has respectfully declined the opportunity to do media interviews or appear publicly.

In addition to the announcement of the winner's name, California Lottery leaders will highlight the incredible amount of funds raised for public education as a result of this win. Staff from the Circle K, which received a \$1 million bonus, will also share remarks about this historic win.

WHAT: Public announcement from the California Lottery about the \$1.2+ billion *Mega Millions* winner

WHERE: Sunshine Food and Gas, Circle K
3505 Rhonda Road, Cottonwood,

WHEN: Tomorrow, March 17, 2025, at 11 a.m.
Media will be welcome for set-up beginning at 10:30 a.m.

WHO: Speakers will include:
Harjinder K. Shergill Chima, California Lottery Director
Carolyn Becker, California Lottery Deputy Director and Spokesperson
Ishar Gill, Circle K

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: Following the news conference, the California Lottery will provide download links available for additional sound and b-roll for media not in attendance.



Spokesperson Carolyn Becker will be available for additional interviews in person or by phone or video conference upon request, as schedules allow throughout the week.

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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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