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Mission District Retailer Sells Scratchers® Winner

Mission Grocery & Liquor Celebrated for Big Win and Friendly Service

SACRAMENTO – One lucky player in San Francisco spelled out a very big win, uncovering a top prize worth \$7 million while playing a [Crossword Xtreme Scratchers](#) game. They purchased the prize-winning play from Mission **Grocery & Liquor**, 2130 Mission Street, at Sycamore.

Situated along bustling Mission Street, the neighborhood retailer, known for its convenient location and welcoming atmosphere, has become a local favorite for Lottery players. Customers often describe the store as a reliable stop for quick purchases and helpful service.

Who Is The Winner?

The winner has yet to come forward and begin [the claims process](#). As with all major California Lottery prizes, the claim will undergo vetting to ensure the legitimacy of the win. This typically takes six to eight weeks to complete. The California Lottery reminds players to sign the back of their ticket and keep it in a safe place until they have claimed their prize.

Supporting California Public Education

From [volleyball programs](#) to [vocational training](#), California Lottery funds help schools offer more than they otherwise would. In the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the Lottery provided nearly \$2 billion to public education, supporting K–12, community colleges, the UC and CSU systems, and more. This past fiscal year marks a quarter-century of delivering over \$1 billion annually to the state's public schools. Districts use these funds to support [career technical training](#), [athletics programs](#) and [purchase materials and technology](#)



Store clerk Rocky, holding the celebratory check outside of Mission Grocery & Liquor.



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for a wide range of instructional support.

While less than 2% of the \$206.2 billion budgeted for California's education system, the funds from the California Lottery make a difference. For [after-school programs](#), [sports equipment](#), and [gear for firefighting academies](#), these funds support students in unique and innovative ways directed by local school districts and budget decision-makers.

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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 \$48 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 ambling 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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