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What's in a Name? These Players Find Out in Style!

\$12.5 Million in Winnings for Two Lucky SoCal Players

SACRAMENTO – The new year is off to a spectacular start for two lucky California Lottery players who are celebrating prizes totaling \$12.5 million! These big wins don't just create unforgettable moments for the winners, they also help fuel the Lottery's mission to raise supplemental funding for California's public schools.

Sandra Mazzeo is no doubt living the name of her winning game with a jaw-dropping **\$7,500,000** win on [Celebrate 2026 Scratchers](#). Mazzeo's game was purchased from Cerritos Market Liquor, 12606 South Street in Cerritos. The retailer earns a \$37,500 bonus for selling this top-prize ticket.

In Los Angeles, **Dulce Amor Cudiamat** found out her Scratchers game wasn't kidding, with a **\$5,000,000** win on a [Show Me \\$5,000,000! Scratchers](#) game. The lucky ticket was purchased at Conserv Fuel, 3625 Beverly Blvd in Los Angeles. This retailer earns a \$25,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

These wins are part of the California Lottery's ongoing mission to raise supplemental funding for public education. **More than 95% of Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community** in the form of prize payments, contributions to schools, and retailer commissions and bonuses. Since its inception in 1985, the Lottery has raised **over \$48 billion for public education**.

Players can learn more about Lottery games and how funds benefit schools by visiting www.calottery.com. The California Lottery reminds everyone to **play responsibly**. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, confidential help is available at **1-800-GAMBLER**.



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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](#). 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.

