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### ***High Desert Mega Millions® Ticket Misses The Mega Ball*** ***Second-Place Win Is Second Biggest In Over A Decade***

**SACRAMENTO** – A lucky California Lottery player came very close to winning the entire Mega Millions® jackpot in last night's draw. The ticket matched **five of the six winning numbers — 25, 37, 59, 68, and 70** — just missing the Mega Ball of 10 to capture the full prize. Even without the Mega Ball, this remarkable ticket is still worth an estimated **\$7.3 million**, making it the second largest single ticket *Mega Millions* five-number match in California since 2014, and third place overall when including *Powerball*®.

It will be some time before we know the identity of the big winner who picked up their winning game with a 2X automatic multiplier from the **Alrabadi Gas & Mini Mart**, 2680 E Palmdale Blvd., in Palmdale. The lucky retailer will get a bonus of more than **\$36,500**.

The jackpot continues, growing to an estimated **\$743 million** for Friday's draw. Mega Millions draws on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. Draw entry closes at 7:45 p.m. on the day of the draw.

### ***Schools Choose How Funds Are Used***

California Lottery funds are used by public schools across California and at every educational level to provide [classroom technology](#), [materials](#), [professional development opportunities](#), and [more](#). To see how the money is allocated in a specific school district, [calottery.com/who-benefits](http://calottery.com/who-benefits) has an interactive map and [links to the most recent California Lottery quarterly financial reports](#).

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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 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.

