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## Two \$2 Million CA Lottery Tickets Set to Expire Soon

## Public Schools Benefit if Winners Do Not Come Forward

**SACRAMENTO** – The clock is ticking for two California Lottery winners to come forward and claim their winning tickets, each worth more than \$2 million.

A *Mega Millions* ticket that correctly matched five of six numbers and is worth \$2,151,945 **will expire this weekend** on Sunday, September 1. Someone bought that ticket at the Stater Bros. at 69255 Ramon Road in Cathedral City for the March 5 drawing earlier this year; it matched the numbers **2**, **49**, **50**, **61**, **and 70**, missing the Mega number 14.

Since the ticket expires on a Sunday, anyone with that winning ticket has until 5 p.m. Friday, August 30 to bring the ticket to one of California Lottery's <u>nine offices across the state</u>. The winner can also fill out a claim form <u>found here</u>, <u>and attach</u> the winning ticket and mail it in to California Lottery Headquarters in Sacramento as long as it has a postmark on or before this Saturday, August 31.

Another winning ticket will expire later this month after a deadline of Thursday, September 19. That one is a *Powerball* ticket that also matched five of six numbers and is worth \$2,462,356. That ticket was sold at the 7-Eleven at 12500 Roscoe Boulevard in Sun Valley for the March 23 drawing and matched the numbers 6, 23, 25, 34, and 51, missing the Powerball number 3.

*Powerball* and *Mega Millions* winners who match five numbers win the second-tier prize money and have 180 days from the date of the draw to claim their winnings.

Given these deadlines, the Lottery is encouraging all players to double-check any *Mega Millions* and *Powerball* tickets they're hanging onto as soon as possible. If a person believes they have the winning ticket, they'll need to complete a California Lottery claim form. In addition to being available online, players can also find the forms at all Lottery Offices or at any of the



more than 23,000 California Lottery retail partners throughout the state.

Players can submit their <u>signed claim form</u>, along with the winning ticket, in person, or they can mail the documents to:

California Lottery Headquarters 730 North 10th Street Sacramento, CA 95811

If nobody submits claims for these tickets, the prize money goes to public schools in California in line with the Lottery's mission. The California Lottery exists solely to generate extra money for public education and has raised **more than \$1.1 billion just in unclaimed prizes** since tickets first went on sale in 1985.





Images of Stater Bros. in Cathedral City and 7-Eleven in Sun Valley

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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 \$43.8 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.

