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## Mega Millions® Ticket Worth More Than \$1 Million Sold in Southern California

**SACRAMENTO** – One lucky California Lottery player is kicking off their weekend in a winning way. While no one hit the jackpot in Friday night's *Mega Millions* draw, one ticket sold in Orange County matched five numbers and is now worth \$1,016,356.

The winning numbers are 22, 38, 48, 51, 61, and Mega number 5. The lucky winner of more than a million bucks in California got their ticket from Pavilions, a grocery store in the Newport Coast area of Newport Beach.

The California Lottery will not know who the winner is until they <u>claim their prize</u>. The winner has six months to come forward.

Meanwhile, with no top prize winner, the *Mega Millions* jackpot has now rolled to an estimated \$498 million for Tuesday night's draw. For every ticket sold in California, approximately 80 cents helps fund public education.

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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 <u>Scratchers</u> 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.

