



November 2009

Dear Balboa Park Committee Members,

Event:

The 6th annual San Diego Race for Autism to be held on **Saturday, March 27, 2010** in Balboa Park. This fast growing event brings in participants from all over Southern California, with 3,700 in attendance last March.

Purpose:

The San Diego Race for Autism raises awareness about one of this country's biggest epidemics today: autism. Once considered rare, autism now affects as many as **one in 100 children** in the United States. Additionally, proceeds of the San Diego Race for Autism support programs and services for children with autism in our community. Since 2005, NFAR has awarded more than a quarter million dollars, funded over 23 community programs and 155 teacher's grants, and benefited thousands of San Diego families.

Event Details:

Registration Opens	7:00 am
5K Race/ Walk Starts	8:00/ 8:05 am
1 Mile Family Walk	8:45 am
Resource Fair	7:30 – 11:00 am. (free and open to the public)

To accommodate the growing number of runners at our event, we needed to look at a modified 5K course. Our old 5K course had a cross-over at the Laurel & Balboa Drive junction and was starting to become a safety issue for participants and pedestrians trying to access the event and Resource Fair.

The proposed modified 5K route attached. The major change is the using 6th Avenue instead of the center sidewalk, the extension up to Upas St., and the change in direction of the Start line/Finish line.

The Start Line would be on Balboa Drive south of Laurel. Participants would turn right at Juniper to 6th street and run northbound along the east side of 6th from Juniper to Upas St. Turn right at Balboa Drive and follow it southbound to El Prado. They would go over Cabrillo Bridge and around the international houses back across the Cabrillo Bridge ending at the Finish Line on Balboa Drive, just south of Laurel.

The northbound lanes of 6th street would close 30 minutes before the 5K Race and re-open as soon as the last participant clears this first leg of the course (expected closure from 7:30 am – 8:45 am.)

The 1-Mile course would not change – Starting at Laurel/Balboa Drive, looping back at the fountain of Plaza de Panama and returning across the bridge to the Finish line.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. **Your continued support of this event would be greatly appreciated!**

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Leon', with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

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"Every step you take in the 5K race represents a child with autism in San Diego."

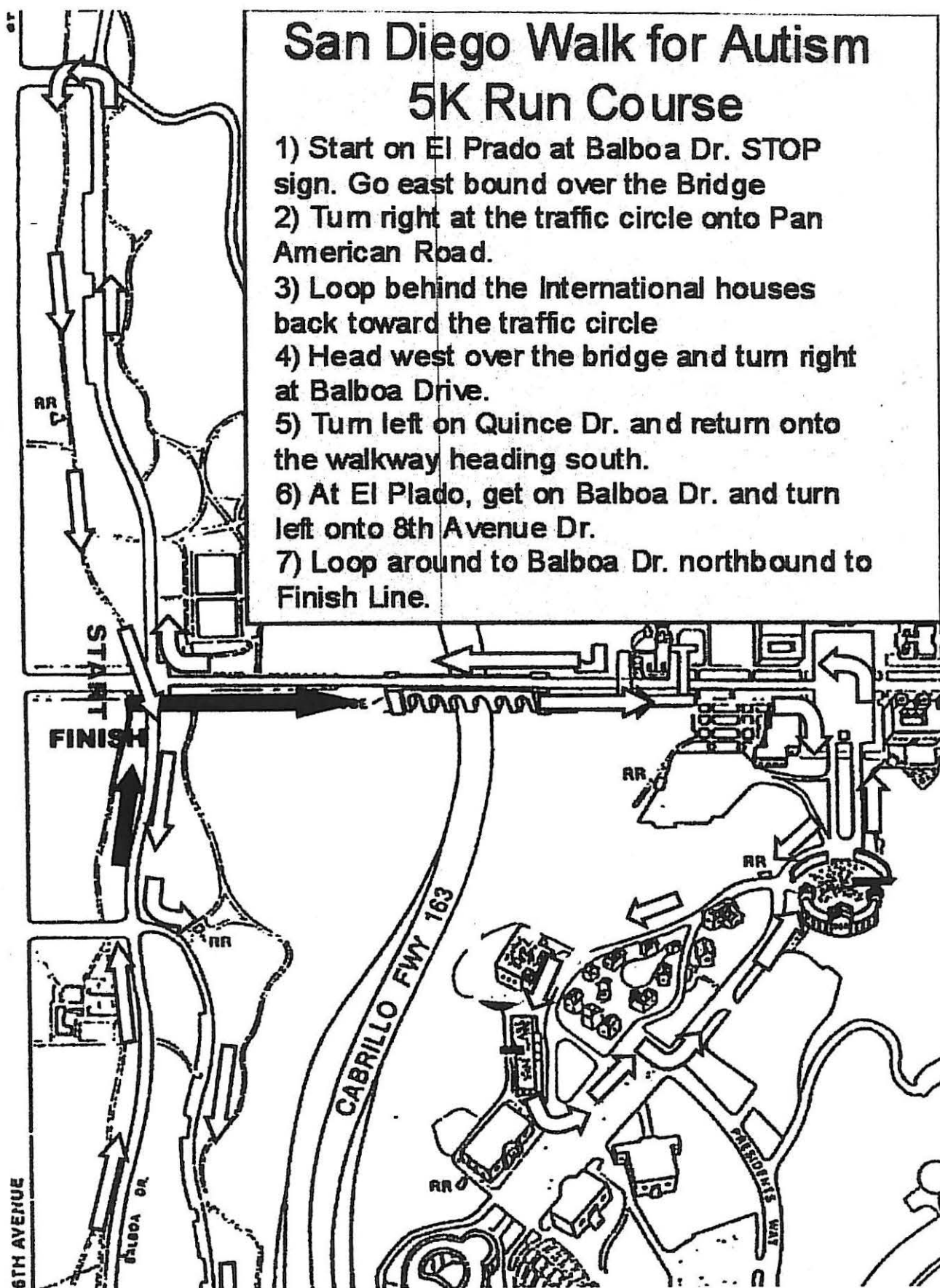
About NFAR:

The National Foundation for Autism Research is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, **EIN 20-0538863.**

EXISTING ROUTE

San Diego Walk for Autism 5K Run Course

- 1) Start on El Prado at Balboa Dr. STOP sign. Go east bound over the Bridge
- 2) Turn right at the traffic circle onto Pan American Road.
- 3) Loop behind the International houses back toward the traffic circle
- 4) Head west over the bridge and turn right at Balboa Drive.
- 5) Turn left on Quince Dr. and return onto the walkway heading south.
- 6) At El Prado, get on Balboa Dr. and turn left onto 8th Avenue Dr.
- 7) Loop around to Balboa Dr. northbound to Finish Line.



San Diego Race for Autism
5K Course – Modified Course for 2010

- The start begins on Balboa Dr., just north of Juniper St.
- The runners will head south to Juniper St. intersection.
- They will turn RIGHT at the intersection with Juniper St.
- They will turn right on 6th Ave and will head north on 6th Ave.
- They will turn right on Balboa Dr at Upas St.
- They will continue south on Balboa Dr.
- They will turn left on El Prado and will head east on El Prado.
- They will turn Right and head south on Pan American Road and Pan American Road East.
- They will Turn Right on Presidents way and then left/South on Pan American Plaza
- They will Turn Right onto Pan American Rd by the Palisades Bldg and back to the Traffic Circle
- They will head west on El Prado to Balboa Drive and turn south on Balboa Dr.
- The Finish Line and chute will be on Balboa Dr.

We will adjust the START and FINISH Line on Balboa Drive to measure 5K.

PROPOSED ROUTE

**Loop back at 6th and
Upas on Balboa Drive**

2010 San Diego Race for Autism 5K Course

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