

CHIRON CORP  
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March 20, 2006

UNITED STATES  
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**CHIRON CORPORATION**

**4560 Horton Street**

**Emeryville, California 94608**

March 17, 2006

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

We have previously sent to you proxy material for the Special Meeting of Chiron Corporation, scheduled to be held on April 12, 2006. **Your Board of Directors has unanimously recommended that shareholders vote FOR the merger with Novartis Corporation.**

Since approval of the merger requires the affirmative vote of at least a majority of outstanding shares, **your vote is important**, no matter how many or how few shares you may own. **Whether or not you have already done so, please vote TODAY by telephone, via the Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided.**

Very truly yours,

Howard H. Pien

*Chairman of the Board and*

*Chief Executive Officer*

**REMEMBER:**

**You can vote your shares by telephone, or via the Internet.**

**Please follow the easy instructions on the enclosed card.**

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