Section 1: DEFA14A (DEFA14A)

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)

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*** Exercise Your Right to Vote ***

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on May 12, 2020.

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| Location:           | Company's Offices  
                     | 4040 Wilson Boulevard  
                     | Arlington, VA 22203 |

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.
--- Before You Vote ---
How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:
NOTICE, PROXY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

How to View Online:
Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow →XXXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 28, 2020 to facilitate timely delivery.

--- How To Vote ---
Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Authorize a Proxy By Internet: To authorize a proxy to vote the shares by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow →XXXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

Authorize a Proxy By Mail: You can authorize a proxy to vote the shares by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.
Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends a vote
"FOR" Proposals 1, 2, 3 and 4.

1. To elect the following ten individuals to serve
   until the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders
   and until their respective successors are elected
   and qualify:
   
   1a. Glyn F. Auppel
   1b. Terry S. Brown
   1c. Alan B. Buckelw
   1d. Ronald L. Hanner, Jr.
   1e. Stephen P. Hills
   1f. Richard J. Lieb
   1g. Timothy J. Naughton
   1h. H. Jay Sarles
   1i. Susan Swansy
   1j. W. Edward Walter

2. To ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as
   the Company's independent auditors for the year

3. To adopt a resolution approving, on a non-
   binding advisory basis, the compensation paid
   to the Company’s Named Executive Officers,
   as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation
   S-K, including the Compensation Discussion
   and Analysis, compensation tables and narrative
   discussion set forth in the proxy statement.

4. To amend the Company’s Charter to eliminate the
   stockholder supermajority voting requirements
   for approval of future Charter amendments and
   other extraordinary actions.

In addition, the proxies are authorized to vote
and otherwise represent the undersigned on any other
matter that may properly come before the Annual
Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof
in the discretion of the proxy holder.

If you authorize a proxy by mail, you must date, sign
and return the card in order for these shares to be voted.