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**AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES ANNOUNCES
 2018 DIVIDEND INCOME TAX TREATMENT**

ARLINGTON, VA (January 18, 2019) – AvalonBay Communities, Inc. (the “Company”) (NYSE: AVB) announced today the final income allocations of the Company’s 2018 dividend distributions on its Common Stock. The final income allocations as they will be reported on Form 1099-DIV are set forth in the following table:

Common Shares (CUSIP #053484101)

<u>Declaration Date</u>	<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Payable Date</u>	<u>Distribution Per Share</u>	<u>Taxable Ordinary Income</u> ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	<u>Return of Capital</u>	<u>Capital Gain</u>	<u>Unrecap. Section 1250 Gain</u>
01/30/18	03/29/18	04/16/18	\$1.47000	\$1.11720	\$0.00000	\$0.16170	\$0.19110
05/23/18	06/29/18	07/16/18	1.47000	1.11720	0.00000	0.16170	0.19110
09/18/18	09/28/18	10/15/18	1.47000	1.11720	0.00000	0.16170	0.19110
11/14/18	12/31/18	01/15/19	1.47000	1.11720	0.00000	0.16170	0.19110
Totals			\$5.88000	\$4.46880	\$0.00000	\$0.64680	\$0.76440
			100%	76%	0%	11%	13%

Components may not sum to the totals due to rounding differences. The information above presents final income allocations.

(1) None of the dividends classified as taxable ordinary income represents “qualified dividend income.”

(2) 100% of the dividends classified as taxable ordinary income are treated as qualified REIT dividends for purposes of Internal Revenue Code Section 199A.

Please consult your tax advisor.

About AvalonBay Communities, Inc.

AvalonBay Communities, Inc. is an equity REIT in the business of developing, redeveloping, acquiring, and managing multifamily communities primarily in New England, the New York/New Jersey Metro area, the Mid-Atlantic, the Pacific Northwest, and Northern and Southern California.

As of September 30, 2018, the Company owned or held a direct or indirect ownership interest in 290 apartment communities containing 84,490 apartment homes in 12 states and the District of Columbia, of which 19 communities were under development and 15 communities were under redevelopment. More information may be found on the Company's website at <http://www.avalonbay.com>.