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AvalonBay Communities Announces Fourth Quarter 2009 Earnings Release Date

ALEXANDRIA, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC. (NYSE: AVB) will release its fourth quarter 2009 earnings on February 3, 2010 after the market close. The Company will hold a conference call on February 4, 2010 at 1:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) to discuss its fourth quarter 2009 results.

Live Conference Call Details

Domestic Dial-In Number: 1-877-510-2397

International Dial-In Number: 1-763-416-6924

Conference ID: 49801463

Webcast: <http://www.avalonbay.com/earnings>

Details for the Replay of the Conference Call

Domestic Dial-In Number: 1-800-642-1687

International Dial-In Number: 1-706-645-9291

Conference ID for Replay: 49801463

Dates Available: February 4, 2010 at 3:00 PM EST to February 11, 2010 at 11:59 PM EST

The call will include prepared remarks by management and a question and answer session during which management may discuss the Company's current operating environment; operating trends; current or potential development, redevelopment, disposition and acquisition activity; the Company's outlook and other business and financial matters affecting the Company.

The earnings release will include supplemental Earnings Release Attachments (the "Attachments") that will not be included in the wire or fax distributions. The Attachments will only be available via the Company's website at <http://www.avalonbay.com/earnings> and through e-mail distribution. If you would like to receive future press releases via e-mail, please submit a request through <http://www.avalonbay.com/email>.

About AvalonBay Communities, Inc.

As of September 30, 2009, the Company owned or held a direct or indirect ownership interest in 172 apartment communities containing 50,114 apartment homes in ten states and the District of Columbia, of which nine communities were under construction and six communities were under reconstruction. AvalonBay is in the business of developing, redeveloping, acquiring, and managing apartment communities in high barrier-to-entry markets of the United States. More information on AvalonBay, an S&P 500 listed company, may be found on AvalonBay's Web site at <http://www.avalonbay.com>.

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