FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Lockridge Joanne M | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB] | | onship of Reporting Person(s) to all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) | o Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below) | |
|--|---------------------|----------|---|------------|--|--|--|
| (Last) 4040 WILSON BO STE 1000 | (First) OULEVARD | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2024 | | Executive Vice President | | |
| (Street) ARLINGTON | VA | 22203 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individ | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Chec Form filed by One Reporting I Form filed by More than One | Person | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Securities | (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---|--|---|--------------------------|---|--|---------------|-------|------------|------------|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 03/01/2024 | | F | | 807(1) | D | \$0 | 23,657(2) | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (I 8) | | 5. Numl Derivati Securiti Acquire or Dispe (D) (Inst and 5) | ive ies ed (A) osed of | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/) | ite | 7. Title and A Securities Ur Derivative Se (Instr. 3 and 4 | derlying curity | Derivative Security | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|---|---|-------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Reflects withholding of shares by the Company to cover tax withholding obligations on the vesting of restricted stock and performance share unit awards under the Company's Second Amended and Restated 2009 Equity Incentive
- 2. The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including restricted shares.

Edward M. Schulman, as attorneyin-fact under Power of Attorney 03/05/2024 dated February 28, 2021

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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