

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **May 22, 2013**

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-12672

(Commission File Number)

77-0404318

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

671 N. Glebe Road, Suite 800, Arlington, Virginia

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

22203

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(703) 329-6300**

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

Following its Annual Meeting of Stockholders, on May 22, 2013, AvalonBay Communities, Inc. (the "Company") filed an amendment to its Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 3(i).3. The amendment was effective upon filing and acceptance for record on May 22, 2013, and increased the number of authorized shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$.01 per share, by 140 million shares from 140 million shares to a total of 280 million shares.

The information in this Item 5.03 is being filed voluntarily by the Company; Item 5.03 does not require a report in cases where the registrant has disclosed a proposal for an amendment to its articles of incorporation in a proxy statement filed by the registrant. The Company previously described the proposed amendment in its definitive proxy statement on Form 14A, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 8, 2013 (the "Proxy Statement").

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The Company held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders on May 22, 2013. Proxies were solicited pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. At the meeting, holders of the Company's stock were asked (1) to elect nine directors to serve until the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors are elected and qualified, (2) to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, (3) to cast a non-binding, advisory vote upon the compensation of executive officers of the Company, as described in the Proxy Statement, and (4) to consider and vote upon approval of an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, to increase the number of authorized shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$.01 per share, by 140 million shares as described in the Proxy Statement.

Each share of common stock was entitled to one vote with respect to matters submitted to a vote of the Company's stockholders, and the voting results reported below are final.

Proposal 1

Each of the Company's nominees for director as listed in the proxy statement was re-elected as shown in the table below. There were no votes abstained with respect to any director nominee. There were 2,322,877 broker non-votes with respect to Proposal 1.

Nominee:	Votes "For"	Votes Withheld
Glyn F. Aepfel	115,929,292	350,311
Alan B. Buckelew	115,923,524	356,079
Bruce A. Choate	115,722,992	556,611
John J. Healy, Jr.	115,480,180	799,423
Timothy J. Naughton	109,767,364	6,512,239

Lance R. Primis	110,754,260	5,525,343
Peter S. Rummell	115,925,927	353,676
H. Jay Sarles	116,165,270	114,333
W. Edward Walter	116,163,907	115,696

Proposal 2

Stockholders ratified the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent auditors for fiscal year 2013. 118,099,845 votes were cast in favor of ratifying the selection of Ernst & Young LLP, 438,568 votes were cast against, and 64,067 votes abstained. There were no broker non-votes with respect to Proposal 2.

Proposal 3

Stockholders approved the compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K. 110,532,306 votes were cast in favor of approval of such compensation, 5,675,151

votes were cast against, and 72,146 votes abstained. There were 2,322,877 broker non-votes with respect to Proposal 3.

Proposal 4

Stockholders also approved an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, to increase the number of authorized shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$.01 per share by 140 million shares to 280 million shares. 114,853,543 votes were cast in favor of the amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, 2,748,955 votes were cast against, and 999,982 votes abstained. There were no broker non-votes with respect to Proposal 4.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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3.(i).2	Articles of Amendment, dated as of October 2, 1998. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(i).2 to Form 10-K of the Company filed March 1, 2007.)
3.(i).3	Amendment to Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, of AvalonBay Communities, Inc., dated May 22, 2013. (Filed herewith.)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.

May 22, 2013

By: /s/ Thomas J. Sargeant
Name: Thomas J. Sargeant
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

AvalonBay Communities, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Corporation"), hereby certifies to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland that:

FIRST: The charter of the Corporation (the "Charter") is hereby amended by deleting therefrom in its entirety Section 1.3 of Article I and inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 1.3 of Article I to read as follows:

The total number of shares of Stock which the Corporation has authority to issue is three hundred fifty million (350,000,000) shares, consisting of (i) fifty million (50,000,000) shares of Preferred Stock; (ii) two hundred eighty million (280,000,000) shares of Common Stock; and (iii) twenty million (20,000,000) shares of excess stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Excess Stock"). The aggregate par value of all the shares of all classes of stock is \$3,500,000.

SECOND: The Charter is hereby further amended by deleting therefrom in their entirety the first two sentences of Section 7.1 of Article VII and inserting in lieu thereof two new sentences to read as follows:

The total number of shares of Stock which the Corporation has authority to issue is three hundred fifty million (350,000,000) shares, consisting of (i) fifty million (50,000,000) shares of Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share; (ii) two hundred eighty million (280,000,000) shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share; and (iii) twenty million (20,000,000) shares of Excess Stock, par value \$.01 per share. The aggregate par value of all the shares of all classes of Stock is \$3,500,000.

THIRD: The total number of shares of stock which the Corporation had authority to issue immediately prior to the foregoing amendment of the Charter was 210,000,000, consisting of 50,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share, 140,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, and 20,000,000 shares of Excess Stock, par value \$.01 per share. The aggregate par value of all authorized shares of stock having a par value was \$2,100,000.

FOURTH: The total number of shares of stock which the Corporation has authority to issue pursuant to the foregoing amendment of the Charter is 350,000,000, consisting of 50,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share, 280,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, and 20,000,000 shares of Excess Stock, par value \$.01

per share. The aggregate par value of all authorized shares of stock having a par value was \$3,500,000.

FIFTH: The information required by Section 2-607(b)(2)(i) of the Maryland General Corporation Law is not changed by the foregoing amendment of the Charter.

SIXTH: The amendments to the Charter as set forth above have been duly advised by the Board of Directors and approved by the stockholders of the Corporation entitled to vote thereon as required by law.

SEVENTH: The undersigned acknowledges these Articles of Amendment to be the corporate act of the Corporation and as to all matters of facts required to be verified under oath, the undersigned acknowledges that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, these matters and facts are true in all material respects and that this statement is made under the penalties of perjury.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused these Articles of Amendment to be executed under seal in its name and on its behalf by its Chief Executive Officer and President and attested to by its Executive Vice President—General Counsel and Secretary on this 22nd day of May, 2013.

ATTEST:

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.

/s/ Edward M. Schulman
Name: Edward M. Schulman
Title: Executive Vice President—
General Counsel and Secretary

By: /s/ Timothy J. Naughton (SEAL)
Name: Timothy J. Naughton
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President