
**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) **March 3, 2015**

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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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

With the addition of two new independent directors to the Board of AvalonBay Communities, Inc. (the "Company") in the last year, Bruce Choate and the Board decided on March 3, 2015, after review and consultation, that Mr. Choate will not stand for re-election at the upcoming 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. Choate has been a director of the Company for over 20 years, since the initial public offering of the Company. He has served, at various times, on the Audit, Compensation, Investment and Finance, and Nominating and Corporate Governance committees of the Board. Mr. Choate has been and continues to be a valued member of the Board, and the decision that he not stand for re-election was based on a review of the composition and succession plan of the Board and not on any disagreement with Mr. Choate. Mr. Choate will continue to serve on the Board through the date of the 2015 Annual Meeting, and the Company's Board expects to nominate for re-election to the Board all other current directors.

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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.

March 9, 2015

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

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