

**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): **September 26, 2016**

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)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On September 26, 2016, AvalonBay Communities, Inc. (the "Company") priced a public offering (the "Offering") of an aggregate of (1) \$300,000,000 principal amount of its 2.90% Medium Term Notes due October 15, 2026 (the "2026 Notes") and (2) \$350,000,000 principal amount of its 3.90% Medium Term Notes due October 15, 2046 (the "2046 Notes" and, together with the 2026 Notes, the "Notes"). The Offering was made pursuant to a Pricing Supplement dated September 26, 2016, a Prospectus Supplement dated May 6, 2015 and a Prospectus dated February 19, 2015 relating to the Company's Shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-202185). The Terms Agreement, dated September 26, 2016, by and among the Company and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Barclays Capital Inc., as representatives of the agents named therein, is filed herewith as Exhibit 1.1.

The Notes were issued under an Indenture between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, dated as of January 16, 1998, as supplemented by a First Supplemental Indenture dated as of January 20, 1998, a Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of July 7, 1998, an Amended and Restated Third Supplemental Indenture dated as of July 10, 2000, a Fourth Supplemental Indenture dated as of September 18, 2006, and a Fifth Supplemental Indenture dated as of November 21, 2014.

The Notes bear interest from October 5, 2016, with interest on the Notes payable semi-annually on April 15 and October 15, beginning on April 15, 2017. The 2026 Notes will mature on October 15, 2026, and the 2046 Notes will mature on October 15, 2046. The Company will use the aggregate net proceeds, after underwriting discounts and other transaction-related costs, of approximately \$641,800,000 from the sale of the Notes to reduce indebtedness outstanding under its \$1,500,000,000 unsecured revolving credit facility and for general corporate purposes, which may include the acquisition, development and redevelopment of apartment communities and repayment and refinancing of other indebtedness. The Company also expects to use a portion of the net proceeds from the sale of the Notes to redeem during the fourth quarter of 2016 all of its 5.70% Notes due March 15, 2017, of which \$250 million was outstanding as of August 31, 2016. The Company cannot provide any assurance that it will redeem the 5.70% Notes, nor can it provide any assurance with respect to the exact date on which such redemption may occur. Pending such uses, the Company may invest the net proceeds from the sale of the Notes in short-term demand deposits, short-term money market funds or investment grade securities or other similar investments. Borrowings under the Company's unsecured revolving credit facility were used to fund the acquisition, development and redevelopment of apartment communities and for general corporate purposes. Settlement occurred on October 5, 2016.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1*	Terms Agreement, dated September 26, 2016, among the Company and the agents named therein.
5.1*	Legal Opinion of Goodwin Procter LLP, dated October 5, 2016.

For themselves and as Representatives of the Agents named on Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 hereto.

**MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
INCORPORATED**

By: /s/ Greg Wright
Name: Greg Wright
Title: Managing Director, Co-Head of Americas Real Estate
Investment Banking

BARCLAYS CAPITAL INC.

By: /s/ Meghan M. Maher
Name: Megan M. Maher
Title: Managing Director

[Signature Page to Terms Agreement]

Schedule 1

AGENTS' ALLOCATIONS

2026 Notes

<u>Agent</u>	<u>Aggregate Principal Amount of 2026 Notes</u>
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	\$ 60,000,000
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$ 60,000,000
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	\$ 39,000,000
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	\$ 39,000,000
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	\$ 39,000,000
BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC	\$ 15,000,000
MUFG Securities Americas Inc.	\$ 15,000,000
PNC Capital Markets LLC	\$ 8,250,000
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.	\$ 8,250,000
BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC	\$ 8,250,000
TD Securities (USA) LLC	\$ 8,250,000
	<u>\$ 300,000,000</u>

Schedule 2

AGENTS' ALLOCATIONS

2046 Notes

<u>Agent</u>	<u>Aggregate Principal Amount of 2046 Notes</u>
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	\$ 70,000,000
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$ 70,000,000
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	\$ 45,500,000
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	\$ 45,500,000

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	\$	45,500,000
BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC	\$	17,500,000
MUFG Securities Americas Inc.	\$	17,500,000
PNC Capital Markets LLC	\$	9,625,000
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.	\$	9,625,000
BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC	\$	9,625,000
TD Securities (USA) LLC	\$	9,625,000
	\$	350,000,000

Schedule 3

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.

TERMS OF THE NOTES

(See Attached.)

Filed Pursuant to Rule 433
Supplementing the Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. 22 dated September 26, 2016
(To Prospectus dated February 19, 2015 and
Prospectus Supplement dated May 6, 2015
Registration Statement No. 333-202185

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.

TERMS OF THE NOTES

Medium-Term Notes—Fixed Rate

Terms Applicable to the \$300,000,000 2.90% Notes due 2026 (the “2026 Notes”)

Principal Amount: \$300,000,000	Issue Price (Public Offering Price): 99.689%
Net Proceeds (before expenses) to the Company: \$297,117,000	Agents’ Discount Commission: 0.650%
Stated Maturity Date: October 15, 2026	Interest Rate: 2.900%
Original Issue Date: October 5, 2016	CUSIP: 05348E AY5
Interest Payment Dates: April 15 and October 15	First Interest Payment Date: April 15, 2017

Terms Applicable to the \$350,000,000 3.90% Notes due 2046 (the “2046 Notes”)

Principal Amount: \$350,000,000	Issue Price (Public Offering Price): 99.595%
Net Proceeds (before expenses) to the Company: \$345,520,000	Agents’ Discount Commission: 0.875%
Stated Maturity Date: October 15, 2046	Interest Rate: 3.900%
Original Issue Date: October 5, 2016	CUSIP: 05348E AZ2
Interest Payment Dates: April 15 and October 15	First Interest Payment Date: April 15, 2017

Terms Applicable to the 2026 Notes and the 2046 Notes (collectively, the “Notes”)

Redemption:

- The Notes cannot be redeemed prior to the applicable Stated Maturity Date at the option of the Company.
- The Notes may be redeemed prior to the applicable Stated Maturity Date at the option of the Company.

Initial Redemption Date: At any time prior to the applicable Stated Maturity Date. See Additional/Other Terms.
Initial Redemption Percentage/Redemption Price: See Additional/Other Terms.
Annual Redemption Percentage Reduction: N/A

Optional Repayment:

- The Notes cannot be required to be repaid prior to the applicable Stated Maturity Date at the option of the Holder of the Notes.
- The Notes can be repaid prior to the applicable Stated Maturity Date at the option of the Holder of the Notes.

Optional Repayment Dates:
Repayment Price: %

Currency:

Specified Currency: U.S. Dollars (If other than U.S. Dollars, see attached)

Minimum Denominations:

(Applicable only if Specified Currency is other than U.S. Dollars)

Original Issue Discount (“OID”): Yes No

Total Amount of OID:

Yield to Maturity:

Initial Accrual Period:

Form: Book-Entry Certificated

Additional/Other Terms:

Other Terms:

Reopening of Issue. The Company may, from time to time and without the consent of the noteholders, reopen an issue of notes and issue additional notes having the same terms and conditions (including maturity, interest payment terms and CUSIP number) as notes issued on an earlier date, except for the issue date, issue price and, if applicable, the first payment of interest. After such additional notes are issued, they will be fungible with the notes issued on such earlier date.

Optional Redemption. The Notes may be redeemed at any time at the option of AvalonBay, in whole or in part, upon notice of not more than 45 and not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (each, a “Redemption Date”), at a Redemption Price equal to the sum of (i) the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed, plus accrued interest thereon to the Redemption Date and (ii) the Make-Whole Amount, if any, with respect to such Notes. If the Notes are redeemed on or after 90 days (in the case of the 2026 Notes) or 180 days (in the case of the 2046 Notes) prior to the applicable Stated Maturity Date (in each case, the “Par Call Date”), the Redemption Price will equal 100% of the principal amount of the applicable series of Notes being redeemed plus accrued interest thereon to the Redemption Date.

Acceleration of Maturity; Make-Whole Amount. If an Event of Default with respect to the Notes of any series that are then outstanding occurs and is continuing, and pursuant to Section 2.7 of the Amended and Restated Third Supplemental Indenture dated as of July 10, 2000 (the “Third Supplemental Indenture”), the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes of the applicable series shall have declared the principal amount (or, if the Notes of the applicable series are Original Issue Discount Securities or Indexed Securities, such portion of the principal as may be specified in the terms hereof) of all the Notes of the applicable series to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to AvalonBay (and to the Trustee if given by the Holders), then upon any such declaration such principal, or specified portion thereof, plus accrued interest to the date the Notes of the applicable series are paid, plus the Make-Whole Amount on the applicable series of Notes, shall become immediately due and payable. With respect to the Notes of the applicable series, if an Event of Default set forth in Section 501(6) of the Indenture, dated as of January 16, 1998, between AvalonBay and the Trustee (the “Indenture”) occurs and is continuing, such that pursuant to Section 2.7 of the Third Supplemental Indenture all the Notes of the applicable series are immediately due and payable, without notice to AvalonBay, at the principal amount thereof (or, if the Notes of the applicable series are Original Issue Discount Securities or Indexed Securities, such portion of the principal as may be specified in the terms of the applicable series of Notes), plus accrued interest to the date the applicable series of Notes are paid, then the Make-Whole Amount on the applicable series of Notes shall also be immediately due and payable.

Definitions. Terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Indenture and the Third Supplemental Indenture. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

“Make-Whole Amount” means, in connection with any optional redemption or accelerated payment of any Note, the excess, if any, of (i) the aggregate present value as of the date of such redemption or accelerated payment of each dollar of principal being redeemed or paid and the amount of interest (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption or accelerated payment) that would have been payable in respect of such dollar to the applicable Par Call Date, determined by discounting, on a semi-annual basis, such principal and interest at the applicable Reinvestment Rate (determined on the third Business Day preceding the date such notice of Redemption is given or declaration of acceleration is made) from the respective dates on which such principal and interest would have been payable if such redemption or accelerated payment had been made on the applicable Par Call Date, over (ii) the aggregate principal amount of the Notes being redeemed or paid.

“Reinvestment Rate” means, in the case of the 2026 Notes, twenty (20) basis points and, in the case of the 2046 Notes, twenty-five (25) basis points, plus in each case the arithmetic mean of the yields under the respective headings “This Week” and “Last Week” published in the Statistical Release under the caption “Treasury Constant Maturities” for the maturity (rounded to the nearest month) corresponding to the remaining life to the applicable Par Call Date, as of the payment date of the principal being redeemed or paid. If no maturity exactly corresponds to such maturity, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to such maturity shall be calculated pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence and the applicable Reinvestment Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight-line basis, rounding in each of such relevant periods to the nearest month. For such purposes of calculating the applicable Reinvestment Rate, the most recent Statistical Release published prior to the date of determination of the Make-Whole Amount shall be used.

“Statistical Release” means the statistical release designated “H.15(519)” or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States government securities adjusted to constant maturities or, if such statistical release is not published at the time of any determination of the Make-Whole Amount, then such other reasonably comparable index which shall be designated by AvalonBay.

The Company has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the Company has filed with the SEC for more complete information

about the Company and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the Company or any agent participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it.

[Letterhead of Goodwin Procter LLP]

October 5, 2016

AvalonBay Communities, Inc.
Ballston Tower
671 N. Glebe Road, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203

Re: Legality of Securities to be Registered Under Registration Statement on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to you in connection with your filing of a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-202185) (as amended or supplemented, the "Registration Statement") filed on February 19, 2015 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to the registration of the offer by AvalonBay Communities, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company") of an unlimited amount of any combination of securities of the types specified therein. The Registration Statement became effective pursuant to the rules of the Commission upon filing on February 19, 2015. Reference is made to our opinion letter dated February 19, 2015 and included as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. We are delivering this supplemental opinion letter in connection with the pricing supplement dated September 26, 2016 (the "Pricing Supplement") filed on September 27, 2016 by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. The Pricing Supplement relates to the offering by the Company of (1) \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 2.90% Notes due October 15, 2026 and (2) \$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 3.90% Notes due October 15, 2046 (together, the "Notes") covered by the Registration Statement. We understand that the Notes are to be offered and sold in the manner described in the Pricing Supplement.

We have reviewed such documents and made such examination of law as we have deemed appropriate to give the opinions set forth below. We have relied, without independent verification, on certificates of public officials and, as to matters of fact material to the opinions set forth below, on certificates of officers of the Company.

We refer to (a) the Indenture, dated as of January 16, 1998, between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon (as successor to State Street Bank and Trust Company) (the "Trustee"), (b) the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 20, 1998, between the Company and the Trustee, (c) the Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 7, 1998, between the Company and the Trustee, (d) the Amended and Restated Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 10, 2000, between the Company and the Trustee, (e) the Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as

of September 18, 2006, between the Company and the Trustee and (f) the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 21, 2014 collectively as the "Indenture."

The opinion expressed below is limited to the law of New York and the Maryland General Corporation Law.

Based on the foregoing, and subject to the additional qualifications set forth below, we are of the opinion that, upon the execution, authentication and issuance of the Notes in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the Notes will be valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

The opinion expressed above is subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws of general application affecting the rights and remedies of creditors and to general principles of equity. We express no opinion as to the validity, binding effect or enforceability of provisions in the Notes or the Indenture relating to the choice of forum for resolving disputes.

This opinion letter and the opinion it contains shall be interpreted in accordance with the Legal Opinion Principles issued by the Committee on Legal Opinions of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section as published in 53 *Business Lawyer* 831 (May 1998).

We hereby consent to the inclusion of this opinion as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement and to the references to our firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Registration Statement. In giving our consent, we do not admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations thereunder.

Sincerely,

/s/ Goodwin Procter LLP

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