

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

**PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
(Amendment No.)**

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AvalonBay Communities, Inc.



(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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Your **Vote** Counts!

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.

2026 Annual Meeting
Vote by May 19, 2026
11:59 PM ET



AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.
4040 WILSON BOULEVARD, SUITE 1000
ARLINGTON, VA 22203

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You invested in AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC. and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the stockholder meeting to be held on May 20, 2026.**

Get informed before you vote

View the Notice, Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Stockholders online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to May 6, 2026. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future stockholder meetings, you may (1) visit www.ProxyVote.com, (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com. If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



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Vote Virtually at the Meeting*

May 20, 2026
10:00 a.m. Eastern Time

Virtually at:
www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/AVB2026

*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

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This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that contain important information and are available to you on the Internet. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to view the proxy materials online or request an email or paper copy, and to vote on these important matters.

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

Voting Items

	Board Recommends
1. To elect the following twelve nominees for director to serve until the 2027 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their respective successors are elected and qualify:	
1a. Glyn F. Aeppel	✓ For
1b. Terry S. Brown	✓ For
1c. Conor C. Flynn	✓ For
1d. Ronald L. Havner, Jr.	✓ For
1e. Stephen P. Hills	✓ For
1f. Christopher B. Howard	✓ For
1g. Richard J. Lieb	✓ For
1h. Nnenna Lynch	✓ For
1i. Charles E. Mueller, Jr.	✓ For
1j. Timothy J. Naughton	✓ For
1k. Benjamin W. Schall	✓ For
1l. Susan Swanezy	✓ For
2. To adopt a resolution approving, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation paid to the Company's Named Executive Officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and any related material disclosed in the proxy statement.	✓ For
3. To approve the Company's 2026 Equity Incentive Plan.	✓ For
4. To ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2026.	✓ For

In addition, the proxies are authorized to vote and otherwise represent the undersigned on any other matter that may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof in the discretion of the proxy holder.

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