

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.  
4040 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1000  
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May 5, 2026

**VIA EDGAR**

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
Office of Real Estate & Construction  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Attention: Benjamin Holt

**Re: AvalonBay Communities, Inc.  
Registration Statement on Form S-3  
Filed April 29, 2026 (File No. 333-295410)**

Dear Mr. Holt:

Pursuant to Rule 461 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, AvalonBay Communities, Inc. (the "Registrant") hereby requests acceleration of effectiveness of its registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-295410), to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on May 8, 2026, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

Please contact Chloe E. Pletner of Goodwin Procter LLP, counsel to the Registrant, at (617) 570-1342 to provide notice of effectiveness, or if you have any questions or comments concerning this request.

Very truly yours,

AvalonBay Communities, Inc.

By: /s/ Lee N. Davis

Name: Lee N. Davis

Title: Vice President & Assistant General Counsel

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