

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>SCHUSTER ALLAN D</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br>(Street)<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [ AVB ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)                      |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>07/15/2003</u>                   |  |
|  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price |   |  |   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                           | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date           |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Deferred Stock Units                       | 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                                       | 07/15/2003                           |  | A                              |   | 162.556  |     | 08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup> | Common Stock  | 162.556                                    | \$0 <sup>(3)</sup>   | 10,064.591  | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Represents Deferred Stock Units ("Units") which convert on a one to one basis into Common Stock.
- The units will convert into Common Stock when the reporting person ceases to be an employee or director of the issuer. The date "08/08/1988" is a placeholder date provided by the SEC for use where a specific date is not applicable, as here.
- These units were issued on the second quarter payment date of the Company's stock dividend.

By Joanne M. Lockridge under  
Power of Attorney dated January 07/15/2003  
27, 2000

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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