FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FULLER SAMUEL B | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC. 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300 | | (Middle) | | X | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | |
| | | INC. | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/24/2003 | Executive Vice President | | | | | |
| Street) ALEXANDRIA VA 22314 | | 22314 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 09/25/2003 | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | |

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. Transac Code (Ir 8) | | 4. Securities Ad Disposed Of (D | | | Securities Beneficially Owned | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 09/24/2003 | | M | | 15,366 | A | \$26.68 | 52,095(1)(2) | D | |

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 | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transac Code (Ir 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 | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|---|------------|---|---------------------------------|---|--|--------|--|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Options to Purchase Common Stock | \$26.68 | 09/24/2003 | | М | | | 15,366 | 11/11/1994 ⁽³⁾ | 11/11/2003 | Common Stock | 15,366 | \$0 ⁽³⁾ | 139,435 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾ | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including restricted shares.
- 2. The amount of securities beneficially owned following the reported transaction has been reduced to reflect the transfer of shares to Mr. Fuller's ex-wife pursuant to a domestic relations order.
- 3. The options exercised were included in options granted on November 11, 1993 which became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on November 11, 1994.
- 4. The number of derivative securities beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes options granted in prior periods with varying exercise prices and vesting dates. Following the reported transaction the reporting person holds no more options that expire on November 11, 2003 with an exercise price of \$26.68.
- 5. The number of derivative securities beneficially owned following the reported transaction has been reduced to reflect the transfer of certain options to Mr. Fuller's ex-wife pursuant to a domestic relations order.

Remarks:

By Edward M. Schulman as attorney-in-fact under power of attorney dated January 1, 2000

02/17/2003

** 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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