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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MEYER GILBERT M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.</u> <u>2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300</u> (Street) <u>ALEXANDRIA VA 22314</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/19/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/19/2004		M		40,000	A	\$23.375	1,096,565 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/19/2004		S		40,000	D	\$50.7534	1,056,565 ⁽¹⁾	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	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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$23.375	02/19/2004		M			40,000	01/26/1997 ⁽²⁾	01/26/2006	Common Stock	40,000	(3)	342,400 ⁽⁴⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including restricted shares.
- The options exercised were included in options granted on January 26, 1996 which became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on January 26, 1997.
- The options exercised were granted to the reporting person on January 1, 1996 under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan.
- The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction includes options granted on various dates with varying exercise prices and vesting dates. After the exercise described above, the reporting person has no remaining options that expire on January 26, 2006 with an exercise price of \$23.375.

Remarks:

By Edward M. Schulman, as attorney in fact under Power of Attorney dated January 1, 2000 02/20/2004

** 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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