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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>SARGEANT THOMAS J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC. 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300 (Street) ALEXANDRIA VA 22314 (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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, CFO and Treasurer</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/23/2004</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 | 04/23/2004 | | M | | 25,000 | A | \$37.5016 | 105,420.513 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 04/23/2004 | | S | | 25,000 | D | \$50.2657 | 80,420.513 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 04/26/2004 | | M | | 35,000 | A | \$37.5016 | 115,420.513 ⁽¹⁾ | I | Owned by spouse |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 04/26/2004 | | S | | 35,000 | D | \$50.4594 | 80,420.513 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | | | | | | | | 1,352 ⁽²⁾ | I | Owned by spouse |

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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$37.5016 | 04/23/2004 | | M | | | 25,000 | 03/08/1999 ⁽³⁾ | 03/08/2008 | Common Stock | 25,000 | \$0 ⁽³⁾ | 313,452 ⁽⁴⁾ | D | |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$37.5016 | 04/26/2004 | | M | | | 35,000 | 03/08/1999 ⁽³⁾ | 03/08/2008 | Common Stock | 35,000 | \$0 ⁽³⁾ | 278,452 ⁽⁵⁾ | 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.
- No transaction is reported. Indirect holdings reported for information only.
- The options exercised were included in options granted on March 8, 1998 which became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on March 8, 1999.
- The number of derivative securities beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes options with varying exercise prices and vesting dates. Following the reported transaction the reporting person continues to hold 45,000 options that expire on March 8, 2008 with an exercise price of \$37.5016.
- 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 10,000 options that expire on March 8, 2008 with an exercise price of \$37.5016.

Remarks:

Edward M. Schulman under Power of Attorney dated January 1, 2000 04/27/2004

** 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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