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 <u>SCHUSTER A</u>		rson*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC</u> [AVB]	5. Relationship of Re (Check all applicable X Director			Issuer 10% Owner							
(Last) C/O AVALONBA 2900 EISENHOW		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2005		Officer (give below)	itle Other (spe below)	Other (specify below)							
(Street) ALEXANDRIA (City)	VA (State)	22314 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi X	Form filed by	roup Filing (Check / One Reporting Pe / More than One R	erson							

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

	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)			Securities Beneficially Owned		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/18/2005		Α		1,998	Α	\$0.00 ⁽¹⁾	24,522.857 ⁽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)	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)		Derivative	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Reflects grant of Deferred Stock Units ("Units") under the issuer's Stock Option and Incentive Plan, which Units are subject to vesting requirements. The Units will convert into common stock when the reporting person ceases to be an employee or director of the issuer.

2. The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including Units, which may be subject to vesting requirements, The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction also includes 99.946 Units issued to the reporting person on the issuer's first quarter dividend payment date and 115.543 Units issued to the reporting person on the issuer's second quarter dividend payment date, which additional Units were issued as dividend reinvestment equivalents on the reporting person's Units.

Remarks:

By Edward M. Schulman under

Power of Attorney dated January 05/20/2005 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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