FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Section 16. Form 4 or may continue. See Ins | | F | iled 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 o <u>HEALY JOHN</u> (Last) C/O AVALONBAY 2900 EISENHOWE | J JR (First) COMMUNITIES, | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC</u> [AVB] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/29/2006 | 5. Relationship of Re (Check all applicable X Director Officer (giv below) | 10% Owner |
| (Street) ALEXANDRIA (City) | VA (State) | 22314 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | X Form filed | Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) by One Reporting Person 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) | | | Securities | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 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 | 09/29/2006 | | Α | | 83 | Α | \$0.00 ⁽¹⁾ | 20,140.493(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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | Derivative | | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 pursuant to an election previously made by the reporting person to receive Units in lieu of the quarterly cash director's fee

otherwise due. The Units will convert into common stock on a one for one basis 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.

Remarks:

By Edward M. Schulman under

Power of Attorney dated January 10/03/2006

<u>27, 2000</u>

** 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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