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 Morris James Richard | g Person* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB] | | lationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer ck all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify | | |
|---|-----------|---|-----------|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300 | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/18/2008 | | Senior Vice | below) President | |
| (Street) ALEXANDRIA VA | 22314 | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indivi | Form filed by One Rep | (Check Applicable Line) orting Person n 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) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities A Of (D) (Instr. 3, | | , . | Securities Beneficially Owned | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership |
|---|--|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 08/18/2008 | | S | | 681 | D | \$102.014(1) | 16,664.5117(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) | 4. Transac Code (Ir 8) | | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | | d 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Edward M. Schulman, as attorneyin-fact under Power of Attorney 08/19/2008 dated March 1, 2005

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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^{1.} The price represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. The shares sold were within a range of \$102.01 to \$103. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

^{2.} The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including restricted shares.

 $^{^{\}star}$ 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).