

## FORM 4

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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>Breslin Sean J.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.</u> <u>BALLSTON TOWER, 671 N. GLEBE ROAD</u>  (Street) <u>ARLINGTON VA 22203</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [ AVB ]</u>  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/14/2011</u>  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive Vice President</u>  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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	02/14/2011		M		1,414	A	\$86.4	8,473.9701 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/14/2011		M		2,699	A	\$48.6	11,172.9701 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/14/2011		M		1,320	A	\$74.2	12,492.9701 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/14/2011		S		5,433	D	\$116.0098 <sup>(2)</sup>	7,059.9701 <sup>(1)</sup>	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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$86.4	02/14/2011		M			1,414	02/11/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/11/2018	Common Stock	1,414	\$0.00 <sup>(3)</sup>	1,156 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$48.6	02/14/2011		M			2,699	02/11/2010 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/11/2019	Common Stock	2,699	\$0.00 <sup>(5)</sup>	2,703 <sup>(6)</sup>	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$74.2	02/14/2011		M			1,320	02/11/2011 <sup>(7)</sup>	02/11/2020	Common Stock	1,320	\$0.00 <sup>(7)</sup>	2,640 <sup>(8)</sup>	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including restricted stock.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$116.00 to \$116.06. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- The options exercised were included in options granted under the issuer's stock option and incentive plan on February 11, 2008 which became exercisable in three equal installments beginning on February 11, 2009.
- Following the reported transaction, the reporting person held a total of 21,585 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.
- The options exercised were included in options granted under the issuer's stock option and incentive plan on February 11, 2009 which became exercisable in three equal installments beginning on February 11, 2010.
- Following the reported transaction, the reporting person held a total of 18,886 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.
- The options exercised were included in options granted under the issuer's stock option and incentive plan on February 11, 2010 which became exercisable in three equal installments beginning on February 11, 2011.
- Following the reported transaction, the reporting person holds a total of 17,566 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.

## Remarks:

Catherine T. White, as attorney-in-  
fact under Power of Attorney dated 02/15/2011  
May 26, 2009

\*\* 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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