

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>BLAIR BRYCE</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.</u><br><u>BALLSTON TOWER, 671 N. GLEBE ROAD</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>ARLINGTON</u> <u>VA</u> <u>22203</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [ AVB ]</u><br><br>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>07/05/2012</u><br><br>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>Chairman of the Board</u><br><br>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>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) |
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|   |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price    |   |  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 07/05/2012                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 5,718   | D          | \$143.22 | 221,780.181 <sup>(2)</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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V |  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |   |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 4, 2012.  
2. The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including restricted shares.

Remarks:

By Catherine T. White under  
Power of Attorney dated as of 07/06/2012  
January 20, 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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