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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Aeppel Glyn | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/22/2013 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB] | | | | |
|---|------------|----------------|---|---|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 671 N. GLEBE ROAD, SUITE 800 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | 10% Owner Other (specify | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |
| (Street) ARLINGTON (City) | VA (State) | 22203 (Zip) | | | | | Applicable X Fo | al or Joint/Group Filing (Check Line) orm filed by One Reporting Person orm filed by More than One Reporting erson |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| No securities of the issuer are beneficially owned | 0 | D | | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| Exp | | cisable and ate /ear) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | Conversion or Exercise | Form: Direct (D) or | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

By Catherine T. White under
Power of Attorney dated as of May 05/28/2013
22, 2013

** 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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 $^{^{\}star}$ If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Thomas J. Sargeant, Catherine T. White, and Edward M. Schulman, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) Execute for and on behalf of the undesigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or stockholder of AvalonBay Communities, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 and amendments therebo in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or deisrable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5 or amendment thereto and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) Take any other action of any type whatsoever which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing authority, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and condistions and such attorney-in-fact may approve.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of theis Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilies to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transaction in securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. This Power of Attorney may be filed with the SEC as a confirming statement of the authority granted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 22nd day of May, 2013.