FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Ivalite and Address of Reporting Ferson        |         |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [ AVB ] | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |                                  |                      |  |  |  |  |
| Brown Terry S.                                    |         |          | [                                                                                    | X                                                                    | Director                         | 10% Owner            |  |  |  |  |
|                                                   |         |          |                                                                                      |                                                                      | Officer (give title              | Other (specify       |  |  |  |  |
| (Last)                                            | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)                                     |                                                                      | below)                           | below)               |  |  |  |  |
| 671 N. GLEBE RO                                   | OAD     |          | 12/01/2016                                                                           |                                                                      |                                  |                      |  |  |  |  |
| SUITE 800                                         |         |          |                                                                                      |                                                                      |                                  |                      |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)                                          |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                             | 6. Indiv                                                             | idual or Joint/Group Filing (Che | eck Applicable Line) |  |  |  |  |
| ARLINGTON                                         | VA      | 22203    |                                                                                      | X                                                                    | Form filed by One Reporting      | Person               |  |  |  |  |
|                                                   | VII     |          |                                                                                      |                                                                      | Form filed by More than One      | e Reporting Person   |  |  |  |  |
| (City)                                            | (State) | (Zip)    |                                                                                      |                                                                      |                                  |                      |  |  |  |  |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)         | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Code (Instr. |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |           | Securities    | Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                         |                                            |                                                             | Code                     | v | Amount                                                            | (A) or<br>(D) | Price     | 3 and 4)      |                  | (111301. 4)                                           |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 12/01/2016                                 |                                                             | A                        |   | 107                                                               | A             | \$0.00(1) | 2,552.9852(2) | D                |                                                       |

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |  | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D) (Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |  | Expiration Date |      | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security (Instr.<br>3 and 4) |     | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                                  |  |                              |
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|                                                  |                                                                       |                                            |                                                             |                                         |  |                                                                                                          |  |                 | Code | v                                                                                          | (A) | (D)                                                 | Date<br>Exercisable                                         | Expiration<br>Date                                                       | Title                                                              | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |  | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) |

#### Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Reflects grant of Deferred Stock Units ("Units") under the issuer's Stock Option and Incentive Plan, which Units are subject to vesting requirements. The Units will convert into common stock on a one to 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 Catherine T. White under Power of Attorney dated as of

12/02/2016

November 26, 2014

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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).

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