## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Rep                     | 0             | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [ AVB ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |   |                        |  |  |
|--|---------------|--|---|---|------------------------|--|--|
| HAVNER RONAL                                   | <u>D L JK</u> | [  |   | Director  | 10% Owner              |  |  |
|  |               |  |   | Officer (give title                                 | Other (specify         |  |  |
| (Last) (Firs<br>671 N. GLEBE ROAD<br>SUITE 800 | t) (Middle)   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>05/17/2017                   |   | below)  | below)                 |  |  |
| (Street)                                       |               | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                         | 6. Indiv  | dual or Joint/Group Filing (                        | Check Applicable Line) |  |  |
| ARLINGTON VA                                   | 22203         |  | X   | Form filed by One Report<br>Form filed by More than | 0                      |  |  |
| (City) (Stat                                   | e) (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<br>Code (Instr. |   | 4. Securities Ad<br>Disposed Of (D |               | 4 and 5)                     | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported<br>Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|--|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|--|---|---|
|   |  |   | Code                        | v | Amount                             | (A) or<br>(D) | Price                        | (Instr. 3 and 4)   |   | (1150.4)  |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 05/17/2017                                 |   | Α                           |   | 92                                 | Α             | <b>\$0.00</b> <sup>(1)</sup> | 3,207.354 <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<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | cise (Month/Day/Year)<br>ve | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | · ·  |   | Derivative |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 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) | Reported                     | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--|---|-----------------------------|---|------|---|------------|-----|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
|  |   |                             |   | 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 September 16, 2014 05/19/2017

\*\* 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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