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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| | of Reporting Person* | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB] | | ionship of Reporting Person(s all applicable) | s) to Issuer |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---|-----------|--|-----------------------|
| HAVNER RONALD L JR | | | | | Director | 10% Owner |
| (Last) 4040 WILSON B | (First) OULEVARD, STE. | (Middle) 1000 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2023 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) |
| (Street) ARLINGTON | VA | 22203 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indivi | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Ch Form filed by One Reportin Form filed by More than Or | ig Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | |

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. Transac Code (Ir 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------|--------|--|---|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (111501.4) |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 09/01/2023 | | A | | 179(1) | A | \$0.00 | 14,695.6985 ⁽²⁾ | 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. Transac Code (li 8) | tion | Derivative E | | Expiration Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Reflects grant of Deferred Stock Units ("Units") under the issuer's Second Amended and Restated 2009 Equity Incentive Plan pursuant to an election previously made by the reporting person to receive Units in lieu of the quarterly cash director's fee otherwise due. The Units will convert into common stock on a one for one bases when the reporting person ceases to be a 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 Edward M. Schulman under Power of Attorney dated as of September 16, 2014

09/06/2023

** 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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