

Morris James Richard
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Morris James Richard

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/11/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 02/11/2009 | | A | A | \$ 0 (1) | 19,875.92 (2) (3) | D |

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 48.6 | 02/11/2009 | | A | 7,219 | 02/11/2010 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/11/2019 | Common Stock | 7,219 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Morris James Richard 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

Edward M. Schulman, as attorney-in-fact under Power of Attorney dated March 1, 2005 02/13/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Reflects grant of shares of restricted stock under the Company's Stock Option and Incentive Plan, which shares are subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including restricted shares.
- (3) Includes shares issued as a dividend on shares previously held, paid on January 29, 2009.
- (4) These options vest in three annual installments, with the first installment vesting on 2/11/2010.
- (5) Reflects grant of options under the Company's Stock Option and Incentive Plan.
- (6) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person holds a total of 55,554 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.

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