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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Wilson Stephen W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol **AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES**

(Check all applicable)

INC [AVB]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

02/14/2011

below) Executive Vice President

C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES.

INC., BALLSTON TOWER, 671 N.

(Street)

GLEBE ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

ARLINGTON, VA 22203

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

TransactionDisposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

Ownership Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (Instr. 4)

or Amount (D) Price

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(I) (Instr. 4)

Common

(Instr. 3)

Stock, par value 02/14/2011

M 14,431 Α \$ 96.19

29,655.6257 (1)

D

\$.01 per share

Common 02/14/2011 M 6,233 \$ 86.4 35,888.6257 D

Code V

(1)

Stock, par value

\$.01 per

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Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/14/2011	M	3,781	A	\$ 48.6	39,669.6257 (1)	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/14/2011	M	1,433	A	\$ 74.2	41,102.6257 (1)	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/14/2011	S	25,878	D	\$ 116.0693	15,224.6257 (1)	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and A	Securitio
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 96.19	02/14/2011		M	14,431	02/09/2007(3)	02/09/2016	Common Stock	14,4
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 86.4	02/14/2011		M	6,233	02/11/2009(5)	02/11/2018	Common Stock	6,23
	\$ 48.6	02/14/2011		M	3,781	02/11/2010(7)	02/11/2019		3,78

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Employee Common Stock Stock

Options (Right to Buy)

Employee

Stock

Options \$74.2 02/14/2011 M 1,433 02/11/2011 Common Stock

(Right to Buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wilson Stephen W C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC. BALLSTON TOWER, 671 N. GLEBE ROAD ARLINGTON, VA 22203

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Catherine T. White, as attorney-in-fact under Power of Attorney dated February 17, 2010.

02/15/2011

**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) The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including restricted shares.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$116.00 to \$116.185. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- The options exercised were included in options granted under the issuer's stock option and incentive plan on February 9, 2006, which become exercisable in three annual installments beginning on February 9, 2007.
- (4) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person held 26,524 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.
- (5) The options exercised were included in options granted under the issuer's stock option and incentive plan on February 11, 2008 which became exercisable in three equal installments beginning on February 11, 2009.
- (6) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person held 20,291 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.
- (7) The options exercised were included in options granted under the issuer's stock option and incentive plan on February 11, 2009 which became exercisable in three equal installments beginning on February 11, 2010.
- (8) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person held 16,510 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.
- (9) The options exercised were included in options granted under the issuer's stock option and incentive plan on February 11, 2010 which became exercisable in three equal installments beginning on February 11, 2011.

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(10) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person holds 15,077 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.

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