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FORM 4

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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 * **BLAIR BRYCE**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB]

(Check all applicable)

CEO

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

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify below) below)

C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES,

INC., BALLSTON TOWER, 671 N.

(Street)

GLEBE ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

08/29/2011

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

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) Ta | ble I - Non | -Derivative Securities Acqui | red, Disposed of, o | r Beneficially | Owned |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) open Disposed of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price | Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 08/29/2011 | | M(1) | 9,100 A \$67.86 | 330,571.4657 (2) | D | |

Common 08/29/2011 $\mathbf{M}^{(1)}$ 900 \$ 86.4 331,471.4657 D

Stock, par

value \$.01 per

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| share | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------|-------|---|------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 08/29/2011 | S(1) | 4,000 | D | \$ 132.2528 (3) | 327,471.4657 (2) | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 08/29/2011 | S(1) | 6,000 | D | \$ 133.4167 (4) | 321,471.4657 (2) | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 08/30/2011 | M <u>(1)</u> | 6,100 | A | \$ 86.4 | 327,571.4657 (2) | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 08/30/2011 | M <u>(1)</u> | 3,300 | A | \$ 48.6 | 330,871.4657 (2) | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 08/30/2011 | S(1) | 2,000 | D | \$ 133.0633 (5) | 328,871.4657 (2) | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 08/30/2011 | S <u>(1)</u> | 4,000 | D | \$ 134.25 (6) | 324,871.4657 (2) | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 08/30/2011 | S <u>(1)</u> | 3,400 | D | \$ 135.1029 <u>(7)</u> | 321,471.4657 (2) | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 08/31/2011 | M <u>(1)</u> | 900 | A | \$ 74.2 | 322,371.4657 (2) | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 08/31/2011 | M <u>(1)</u> | 1,100 | A | \$ 48.6 | 323,471.4657 (2) | D |
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Common Stock, par value 08/31/2011 S $\underline{^{(1)}}$ 2,000 D \$ 136 $\underline{^{(2)}}$ D \$ share

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) | Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D) | orities uired or osed of r. 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 67.86 | 08/29/2011 | | M(1) | | 9,100 | 02/11/2006(8) | 02/11/2015 | Common Stock | 9,100 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 86.4 | 08/29/2011 | | M <u>(1)</u> | | 900 | 02/11/2009(9) | 02/11/2018 | Common Stock | 900 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 86.4 | 08/30/2011 | | M <u>(1)</u> | | 6,100 | 02/11/2009(9) | 02/11/2018 | Common Stock | 6,100 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 48.6 | 08/30/2011 | | M <u>(1)</u> | | 3,300 | 02/11/2010(10) | 02/11/2019 | Common Stock | 3,300 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 74.2 | 08/31/2011 | | M <u>(1)</u> | | 900 | 02/11/2011(11) | 02/11/2020 | Common Stock | 900 |

Stock

Options (Right to Buy) \$48.6 08/31/2011 $M_{\underline{\ }}^{(1)}$ 1,100 02/11/2010 $\underline{\ }^{(10)}$ 02/11/2019 Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BLAIR BRYCE

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

X CEO

Signatures

By Catherine T. White under Power of Attorney dated as of January 20 2009

08/31/2011

1,100

**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 exercises and sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 24, 2011
- (2) 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 \$132.00 to \$132.53. 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$133.00 to \$133.75. 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$133.00 to \$133.18. 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$134.00 to \$134.50. 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$135.00 to \$135.25. 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.
- (8) The options exercised were included in options granted under the issuer's stock option and incentive plan on February 11, 2005 which became exercisable in three equal installments beginning on February 11, 2006.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.

(11)

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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.

Following the reported transactions, the reporting person holds a total of 302,399 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.

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