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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

per share

(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Departing D

1. Name and A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
	(First) (NONBAY) TIES, INC., 2900 VER AVE., SUIT	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/22/2006					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President-HR				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
ALEXAND	RIA, VA 22314							Form filed by M Person	More than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deen Execution any (Month/D	n Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	08/22/2006			M	2,000	A	\$ 69.95	16,939.615 (1)	D		
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/22/2006			S	2,000	D	\$ 117	14,939.615 (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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)	
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 69.95	08/22/2006	M	2,000	02/11/2006(2)	02/11/2015	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ROTHKOPF CHARLENE C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC. 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

Executive Vice President-HR

Signatures

By Edward M. Schulman, as attorney in fact under Power of Attorney dated April 4, 2000

08/24/2006

**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.
- (2) The options exercised were included in options granted on February 11, 2005 which become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on February 11, 2006.

(3)

Reporting Owners 2

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The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction includes options granted on various dates with varying exercise prices and vesting dates. After the exercise described above, the reporting person has 10,825 remaining options that expire on February 11, 2015 with an exercise price of \$69.95.

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