

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**MEYER GILBERT M**

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/15/2008**

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

**C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC., 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314**

(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. 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)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/15/2008		M	25,000 A	\$ 32 1,180,318.421 (1)	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/15/2008		S	25,000 D	\$ 104 1,155,318.421 (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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 104	05/15/2008		M	25,000	02/17/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/17/2009	Common Stock 25,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MEYER GILBERT M C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC. 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314	X			

## Signatures

By Edward M. Schulman under Power of Attorney dated January 1, 2000

05/19/2008

\_\_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).

The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including

(1) Deferred Units, which convert to common stock on a one for one basis when the reporting person ceases to be an employee or director of the issuer.

(2) The options exercised were included in options granted under the issuer's stock option and incentive plan on February 17, 1999 which became exercisable in three equal installments beginning on February 17, 2000.

(3)

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Following the reported transaction, the reporting person holds a total of 92,400 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.

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