

Breslin Sean J.  
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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 \*  
Breslin Sean J.

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)  
05/21/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

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

(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

ARLINGTON, VA 22203

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|   |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 05/21/2012                           |  | S                              | 2,020 D \$ 140  | 22,273.1523 (1)   | D  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 05/22/2012                           |  | M                              | 1,320 A \$ 74.2   | 23,593.1523 (1)   | D  |   |
|   | 05/22/2012                           |  | S                              | 1,320 D \$ 140.1  |   | D  |   |

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share 22,273.1523  
(1)

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share 05/22/2012 S 2,539 D \$ 141.2501 (2) 19,734.1523 (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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 74.2  | 05/22/2012                           |  | M                              | 1,320   | 02/11/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/11/2020                     | Common Stock  | 1,320                      |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Breslin Sean J.  
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 May 26, 2009

05/23/2012

\_\_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 stock.  
This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$141.25 to \$141.50. 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.
- (3) The options exercised were included in options granted under the issuer's stock option and incentive plan on February 11, 2010, which become exercisable in three annual installments beginning on February 11, 2011.
- (4) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person holds a total of 19,291 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.

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