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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB] McLaughlin William M (Month/Day/Year) 02/10/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O AVALONBAY (Check all applicable) COMMUNITIES, INC., Â 2900 **EISENHOWER AVENUE** 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) **Executive Vice President** _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ALEXANDRIA. VAÂ 22314 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share 46,419.34 (1) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

 Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/12/2005(2)	02/12/2014	Common Stock	9,605 (3)	\$ 49.09	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/11/2006(4)	02/11/2015	Common Stock	12,898 (3)	\$ 67.86	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/09/2007(5)	02/09/2016	Common Stock	28,399 (3)	\$ 96.19	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/08/2008(6)	02/08/2017	Common Stock	20,404 (3)	\$ 143.34	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/11/2009(7)	02/11/2018	Common Stock	22,132 (3)	\$ 86.4	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/11/2010(8)	02/11/2019	Common Stock	16,107 (3)	\$ 48.6	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/11/2011(9)	02/11/2020	Common Stock	6,459 (3)	\$ 74.2	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
McLaughlin William M C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC. 2900 EISENHOWER AVENUE ALEXANDRIA. VA 22314	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â	

Signatures

Catherine T. White, as attorney-in-fact under Power of Attorney dated February 22, 2010.

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Includes restricted shares granted under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan, a portion of which are subject to vesting.
- (2) These options were granted on 02/12/2004 and became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning 02/12/2005.
- (3) The reporting person holds a total of 116,004 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.
- (4) These options were granted on 02/11/2005 and became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning 02/11/2006.
- (5) These options were granted on 02/09/2006 and became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning 02/09/2007.
- (6) These options were granted on 02/08/2007 and became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning 02/08/2008.
- (7) These options were granted on 02/11/2008 and became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning 02/11/2009.

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- (8) These options were granted on 02/11/2009 and became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning 02/11/2010.
- (9) These options were granted on 02/11/2010 and became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning 02/11/2011.

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