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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 * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Breslin Sean J. Issuer Symbol **AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES** (Check all applicable) INC [AVB] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O AVALONBAY 11/30/2010 **Executive Vice President** COMMUNITIES, INC., BALLSTON TOWER, 671 N. **GLEBE ROAD**

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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ARLINGTON, VA 22203

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned Vature of

1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.		A. Securities Acquired		5. Amount of		7. Nature of
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	on(A) or Disposed of (D)		Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial	
(111511. 3)		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
						Reported Transaction(s)			
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	11/30/2010		M	2,570	A	\$ 86.4	9,627.2654 (1)	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	11/30/2010		M	48	A	\$ 48.6	9,675.2654 (1)	D	
	11/30/2010		S	2,618	D			D	

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Common	\$	7,057.2654
Stock, par	110	(1)
value \$.01		
per 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. Transactic 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 86.4	11/30/2010		M	2,570	02/11/2009(2)	02/11/2018	Common Stock	2,570
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.6	11/30/2010		M	48	02/11/2010(4)	02/11/2019	Common Stock	48

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Ketauonsmps					
	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

Deletionships

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Signatures

Catherine T. White, as attorney-in-fact under Power of Attorney dated May 26, 2009

12/01/2010

**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 secuities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including restricted stock.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person held a total of 23,047 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person holds a total of 22,999 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.

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