### AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC

Form 4

February 18, 2011

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(Print or Type	Responses)						
1. Name and HOREY L	Address of Reporting EO S III	Symbol	er Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading ONBAY COMMUNITIES	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
		INC [A	AVB]				
(Last)  C/O AVAI  COMMUN	LONBAY		of Earliest Transaction Day/Year) 2011	DirectorXOfficer (give below) Executive		Owner er (specify	
	LSTON TOWER	, 671 N.					
	(Street)		endment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form:	7. Nature o Indirect Beneficial Ownership	

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Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactiomr Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported	(I)	
					or		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common									
Stock, par value \$.01	02/16/2011		A	3,409	A	\$0(1)	63,844.7705 (2)	D	
per share									
Common									
Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/16/2011		M	4,345	A	\$ 49.09	68,189.7705 (2)	D	
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	02/16/2011		S	4,345	D			D	

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Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share					\$ 116.25	63,844.7705 (2)	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/16/2011	M	10,000	A	\$ 67.86	73,844.7705 (2)	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/16/2011	S	10,000	D	\$ 116.5	63,844.7705 (2)	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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Sec
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A O N
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 115.83	02/16/2011		A	6,974		02/16/2012(3)	02/16/2021	Common Stock	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 49.09	02/16/2011		M		4,345	02/12/2005(6)	02/12/2014	Common Stock	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 67.86	02/16/2011		M		10,000	02/11/2006(8)	02/11/2015	Common Stock	

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HOREY LEO S III 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 February 23, 2009

02/18/2011

\*\*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) Reflects grant of shares of restricted stock under the Company's Stock Option and Incentive Plan, which shares are subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including restricted shares.
- (3) These options vest in three annual installments, with the first installment vesting on 2/16/2012.
- (4) Reflects grant of options under the Company's Stock Option and Incentive Plan.
- (5) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person held a total of 147,276 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.
- The options exercised were included in options granted under the issuer's stock option and incentive plan on February 12, 2004, which became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on February 12, 2005.
- (7) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person held a total of 142,931 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.
- (8) The options exercised were included in options granted under the issuer's stock option and incentive plan on February 11, 2005, which become exercisable in three annual installments beginning on February 11, 2006.
- (9) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person holds a total of 132,931 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.

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