

Breslin Sean J.  
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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 \*  
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)  
05/04/2010

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

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/04/2010		M	2,500 A \$ 86.4	9,714.3667 (1)	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/04/2010		M	2,650 A \$ 48.6	12,364.3667 (1)	D	
Common Stock, par	05/04/2010		S	5,150 D \$ 108.2315	7,214.3667 (1)	D	



## 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.

(2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$108.22 to \$108.285. 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, 2008 which became exercisable in three equal installments beginning on February 11, 2009.

(4) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person holds a total of 28,267 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.

(5) 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.

(6) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person holds a total of 25,617 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.

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