

McLaughlin William M  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>McLaughlin William M</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC., 2900 EISENHOWER AVENUE</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>02/10/2010</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>Executive Vice President</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	46,419.34 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	À

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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 (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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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 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/12/2014	Common Stock	9,605 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 49.09	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/11/2006 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/11/2015	Common Stock	12,898 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 67.86	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/09/2007 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/09/2016	Common Stock	28,399 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 96.19	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/08/2008 <sup>(6)</sup>	02/08/2017	Common Stock	20,404 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 143.34	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/11/2009 <sup>(7)</sup>	02/11/2018	Common Stock	22,132 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 86.4	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/11/2010 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/11/2019	Common Stock	16,107 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 48.6	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/11/2011 <sup>(9)</sup>	02/11/2020	Common Stock	6,459 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 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	Â Executive Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Catherine T. White, as attorney-in-fact under Power of Attorney dated February 22, 2010. 02/22/2010

\*\*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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