

CHOATE BRUCE A  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
CHOATE BRUCE A

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)  
08/22/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	08/22/2008		M		4,500 A \$ 44.35	45,735.023 (1)	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	08/22/2008		S		4,500 D \$ 99.5722 (2)	41,235.023 (1)	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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 44.35	08/22/2008		M	4,500	05/15/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/15/2011	Common Stock	4,500

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

CHOATE BRUCE A  
C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.  
2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

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## Signatures

By Edward M. Schulman under Power of Attorney dated January 27, 2000

08/25/2008

\*\*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).

The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including

- (1) Deferred Units, which convert to common stock on a one for one basis when the reporting person ceases to be an employee or director of the issuer.
- (2) The price represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. The shares were sold within a range of \$99.55 to \$99.65. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number

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of shares sold at each separate price.

- (3) The options exercised were included in options granted on May 15, 2001 which became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on May 15, 2002.
- (4) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person holds a total of 9,500 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.

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