

McLaughlin William M
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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 *
McLaughlin William M

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)
02/16/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC., BALLSTON TOWER, 671 N. GLEBE ROAD

(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

ARLINGTON, VA 22203

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/16/2012		A	3,730 A	\$ 0 (1) 63,643.6259 (2)	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share					800 (3)	I	Held in trust for minor children

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- (3) No transaction is reported. The amount of securities owned indirectly following the reported transaction is included for information purposes only.
- (4) These options vest in three annual installments, with the first installment vesting on 2/16/2013.
- (5) Reflects grant of options under the Company's Stock Option and Incentive Plan.
- (6) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person holds a total of 84,366 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.

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