

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC
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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC., 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300

(Street)

ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/18/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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	01/18/2007		M		5,500 A \$ 43.14	40,784.378 (1)	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	01/18/2007		S		5,500 D \$ 142.407	35,284.378 (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
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.14	01/18/2007		M	5,500	05/21/2004 ⁽²⁾ 05/21/2013	Common Stock	5,500

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	X			

Signatures

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

01/22/2007

__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) The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including Units, which may be subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) The options exercised were included in options granted under the issuer's stock option and incentive plan on May 21, 2003, which became exercisable on May 21, 2004.
- (3)

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The number of derivative securities beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes options granted in prior periods with varying exercise prices and vesting dates. Following the reported transaction the reporting person holds 1,500 options that expire on May 21,2013 with an exercise price of \$43.14.

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