AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC Form DEFR14A April 09, 2013

> Please take a moment now to authorize a proxy to vote these shares of AvalonBay Communities, Inc. common stock at the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**AVALONBAY** COMMUNITIES, INC. **BALLSTON TOWER** 

YOU CAN AUTHORIZE A PROXY TO VOTE THESE SHARES TODAY IN ONE OF THREE WAYS:

671 N. GLEBE

ROAD, SUITE 800 ARLINGTON, VA 22203

BY INTERNET—www.proxyvote.com

Use the Internet to authorize your proxy and transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

#### ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE STOCKHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

If you would like to reduce the costs incurred by AvalonBay Communities, Inc. in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to authorize your proxy using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access stockholder communications electronically in future years.

## BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903

Use any touch-tone telephone to authorize your proxy and transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

### **BY MAIL**

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to AvalonBay Communities, Inc., c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717. If you vote these shares by internet or telephone you do NOT need to mail this proxy card.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS **BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS** FOLLOWS:

To withhold authority to vote

# M56425-P36626KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION ONLY

## THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.

voted.

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.			· Withhold All	lFor All Except	for any individual nominee(s), mark "For All Except" and write the number(s) of the nominee(s) on the line below.			
THE BOARD OF DIRECT RECOMMENDS A VOTI PROPOSALS 1, 2, 3 and 4	E "FOR"							
To elect the following eig individuals to serve until 1. Annual Meeting of Stock until their respective succeelected and qualify:	the 2013 holders and	0	0	0				
01)Glyn F. Aeppel	D6) Lance R. Primis							
02) Alan B. Buckelew	Peter S. Rummell							
03)Bruce A. Choate	O8) H. Jay Sarles W.							
04) John J. Healy, Jr.	09)Edward Walter							
05)Timothy J. Naughton					For Against Abstain			
2. To ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2013.					o	o	o	
To adopt a resolution approving, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation paid to the Company's Named Executive Officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and narrative discussion set forth in the proxy statement.						o	o	o
To approve an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of 4. Incorporation, as amended, to increase the number of authorized shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$.01 per share, by 140 million shares.						0	o	o
	properly con	ne b	efore the A	Annual N	represent the undersigned on fleeting or any adjournment or			
If you vote by mail, you mu	st date, sign	and	return this	card in	order for these shares to be			

Yes No Yes No

HOUSEHOLDING

Please indicate if you plan to attend this meeting.

ELECTION—Please indicate if you consent to receive certain future investor communications in a single package per household.

Please sign exactly as your name appears on this card and date. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, officer of a corporation or other entity or in another representative capacity, please give your full title. If shares are held jointly, each holder should sign.

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHINAROX]

Signature (Joint Owners) Date

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VALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.	M56426-P36626
013 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS, MAY 22, 2013, 9:00 A.M. EASTERN	TIME
HIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROXY	

The undersigned stockholder of AvalonBay Communities, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), hereby appoints Timothy J. Naughton and Thomas J. Sargeant, and each of them, as proxies for the undersigned, each with full power of substitution, to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company (the "Annual Meeting"), to be held at the offices of the Company, Ballston Tower, 671 N. Glebe Road, Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22203 on May 22, 2013, 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time, and any adjournments or postponements thereof, to cast on behalf of the undersigned all votes that the undersigned is entitled to cast at the Annual Meeting and otherwise to represent the undersigned with all of the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present at the Annual Meeting. The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the Notice of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders and of the Proxy Statement, the terms of each of which are incorporated herein by reference, and revokes any proxy heretofore given with respect to the Annual Meeting.

IF THIS PROXY IS PROPERLY EXECUTED, THE VOTES ENTITLED TO BE CAST BY THE UNDERSIGNED WILL BE CAST AS DIRECTED HEREIN, BUT IF THIS PROXY IS EXECUTED AND NO INSTRUCTIONS ARE SPECIFIED, THE VOTES ENTITLED TO BE CAST BY THE

UNDERSIGNED WILL BE CAST "FOR" EACH OF THE NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR IN PROPOSAL 1 AND "FOR" PROPOSALS 2, 3, AND 4. IF ANY OTHER BUSINESS IS PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OR ANY ADJOURNMENT OR POSTPONEMENT THEREOF, INCLUDING WHETHER OR NOT TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL MEETING, THE VOTES ENTITLED TO BE CAST BY THE UNDERSIGNED WILL BE CAST BY THE PROXIES IN THEIR DISCRETION. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. THIS PROXY ALSO CONFERS DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY ON THE PROXIES TO VOTE WITH RESPECT TO THE ELECTION OF ANY INDIVIDUAL AS DIRECTOR WHERE ONE OR MORE NOMINEES ARE UNABLE TO SERVE, OR FOR GOOD CAUSE WILL NOT SERVE, AND WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS INCIDENTAL TO THE CONDUCT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING. STOCKHOLDERS WHO PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING MAY REVOKE THEIR PROXY BY CASTING THEIR VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN PERSON.

SEE REVERSE PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND PROMPTLY MAIL
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THIS PROXY IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE
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