

Dunn Lili F  
 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 \*  
 Dunn Lili F

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/11/2009

ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock, Par value \$.01 per share	11/11/2009		J	15,491 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 0	29,298.314 D
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	11/13/2009		J	1 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 0	29,297.314 D
Common Stock, par value \$.01	02/11/2010		A	2,161	A	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	31,458.314 <sup>(3)</sup> D

per share

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 (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)	\$ 74.2	02/11/2010		A	3,417	02/11/2011 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/11/2020	Common Stock	3,417

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dunn Lili F 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Catherine T. White, as attorney-in-fact under Power of Attorney dated January 26, 2009, 02/16/2010

\*\*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) Reflects transfer of shares to reporting person's spouse's account.
- (2)

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Reflects grant of shares of restricted stock under the Company's Stock Option and Incentive Plan, which shares are subject to vesting requirements.

- (3) The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including restricted shares.
- (4) These options vest in three annual installments, with the first installment vesting on 2/11/2011.
- (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 94,298 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.

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