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FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

o Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Add	lress of Reporting	
Person* (Last, Fin	rst, Middle) 2. Issuer	Name and Ticker or

Trading Symbol 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting

Person, if an entity (Voluntary) Choate, Bruce, A.

AvalonBay Communities, Inc. (AVB)

2900 Eisenhower Ave. Suite 300

4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) 04/15/2003

(Street) 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s)

to Issuer (Check All Applicable) 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing

(Check Applicable Line) Alexandria, VA 22314

(City) (State) (Zip) X Director O 10% Owner X Form filed by One Reporting Person O Officer (give title below) O

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person O Other (specify below)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see instruction 4(b)(v).

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

Transactions(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 (A)

or

(D) Price

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)

Code V (A) (D)

Deferred Stock Units 1 for 1 04/15/03 A 268

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned - Continued
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date

(Month/Day/Year) 7. Title and Amount

of Underlying Securities

(Instr. 3 and 4) 8. Price of Derivative

Security

(Instr. 5) 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

 $(Instr.\ 4)\ 10.\ Ownership\ Form\ of$

Derivative Security:

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4) 11. Nature of

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Date

Exercisable Expiration

Date Title Amount or

Number of

Shares

(1) Common Stock 268 N/A 14,408 (2) D N/A

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) These units were issued on the first quarter payment date of the Company's stock dividend. The units will convert into common stock when the reporting person ceases to be an employee or director of the issuer.
- (2) The holdings following reported transaction reflects ownership of all deferred stock units.

/s/ Edward M. Schulman under power of attorney dated January 27, 2000 4/16/2003

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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