

Shea Keri A  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Shea Keri A</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC., 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>07/13/2009</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)                  VP-Finance and Treasurer</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	2,483 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	À

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/08/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/08/2017	Common Stock	2,386 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 143.34	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/11/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/11/2018	Common Stock	3,332 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 86.4	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/11/2010 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/11/2019	Common Stock	2,787 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 48.6	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Shea Keri A C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC. 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314	Â	Â	Â VP-Finance and Treasurer	Â

## Signatures

Catherine T. White, as attorney-in-fact under Power of Attorney dated July 13, 2009 07/17/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Includes restricted shares granted under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan, a portion of which are subject to vesting.
- (2) These options were granted on 02/08/07 and became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning 02/08/08.
- (3) The reporting person holds a total of 8,505 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.
- (4) These options were granted on 02/11/08 and became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning 02/11/09.
- (5) These options were granted on 02/11/09 and became exercisable in three equal annual intstallments beginning 02/11/2010.

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