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FORM 4

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Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MURPHY JOEL T

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

PREFERRED APARTMENT **COMMUNITIES INC [APTS]**

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

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

01/02/2018

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO-New Market Properties, LLC

3284 NORTHSIDE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 150

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Following

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

ATLANTA, GA 30327

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Conversion

3A. Deemed

5. Number of Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class A Units (1)	<u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	01/02/2018(1)(2)(3)		A		35,360		(1)(2)(3)	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	35,360

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MURPHY JOEL T 3284 NORTHSIDE PARKWAY NW SUITE 150 ATLANTA, GA 30327

CEO-New Market Properties, LLC

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey R. Sprain, attorney-in-fact

01/03/2018

**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).
- Represents Class A Units ("Class A Units") of Preferred Apartment Communities Operating Partnership, L.P., of which Preferred (1) Apartment Communities, Inc. (the "Company") is the general partner. Each Class A Unit may be exchanged for one share of the Company's common stock, or cash, as selected by the Company. Class A Units have no expiration date.
- On January 4, 2016, the reporting person was awarded a maximum of 24,353 Class B Units of the Operating Partnership ("2016 Class B Units") issued in lieu of any reimbursement for annual cash compensation for 2016, 2017 and 2018, subject to certain performance and time-based conditions. As of January 3, 2017, all performance conditions were met for the 2016 Class B Units. When earned and vested, each Class B Unit is converted into a Class A Unit. On January 2, 2018, an additional 8,118 2016 Class B Units vested and converted to Class A Units. Subject to time-based conditions, the remaining 8,117 unvested 2016 Class B Units will vest on January 2, 2019 and will convert to Class A Units on that date.
- On January 3, 2017, the reporting person was awarded a maximum of 27,242 Class B Units of the Operating Partnership ("2017 Class B Units") issued in lieu of any reimbursement for annual cash compensation for 2017, subject to certain performance and time-based conditions. As of January 2, 2018, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company determined that the extent to which the performance conditions had been achieved during the performance period resulted in 100%, or 27,242 of the 2017 Class B Units becoming earned 2017 Class B Units. All of the earned 2017 Class B Units fully vested on January 2, 2018 and were converted into Class A Units on that date.

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