AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC Form 8-K May 20, 2016

# **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) May 19, 2016

# AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

### Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-12672** (Commission File Number)

77-0404318 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

671 N. Glebe Road, Suite 800, Arlington, Virginia (Address of Principal Executive Offices) **22203** (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (703) 329-6300

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### Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The Company held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders on May 19, 2016. Proxies were solicited pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. At the meeting, holders of the Company s stock were asked (1) to elect nine directors to serve until the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors are elected and qualified, (2) to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company s independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, and (3) to cast a non-binding, advisory vote upon the compensation of executive officers of the Company, as described in the Company s proxy statement.

Each share of common stock was entitled to one vote with respect to matters submitted to a vote of the Company s stockholders, and the voting results reported below are final.

#### Proposal 1

Each of the Company s nominees for director as listed in the proxy statement was re-elected as shown in the table below. There were no abstentions with respect to any director nominee. There were 2,987,336 broker non-votes with respect to Proposal 1.

Votes For	Votes Withheld
118,641,572	1,217,493
118,656,320	1,202,745
118,625,853	1,233,212
61,322,994	58,536,071
112,608,025	7,251,040
115,714,179	4,144,886
118,682,256	1,176,809
114,052,511	5,806,554
118,796,751	1,062,314
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#### Proposal 2

Stockholders ratified the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company s independent auditors for fiscal year 2016. 120,333,271 votes were cast in favor of ratifying the selection of Ernst & Young LLP, 2,502,154 votes were cast against, and there were 10,976 abstentions. There were no broker non-votes with respect to Proposal 2.

#### Proposal 3

Stockholders approved the compensation paid to the Company s named executive officers as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K. 111,657,792 votes were cast in favor of approval of such compensation, 8,006,384 votes were cast against, and there were 194,889 abstentions. There were 2,987,336 broker non-votes with respect to Proposal 3.

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### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.

May 20, 2016

By: Name: Title: /s/ Kevin P. O Shea Kevin P. O Shea Chief Financial Officer

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