

PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
WILLIAMS JOHN A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC [APTS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 06/30/2014

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Executive Officer

PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, INC., 3625 CUMBERLAND BOULEVARD SUITE 1150

(Street)

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

ATLANTA, GA US 30339

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | | | | (A) or (D) | 6,000 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 (1) | | | | (A) or (D) | 40,128 (1) | I | By Nell Partners, Inc. |
| Common Stock, par | | | | (A) or (D) | 35,258 | I | By Spouse |

value \$0.01

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|---|---|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | 381 | I | By 2003 Children's Trust ⁽²⁾ |
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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 Acquired (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) | 8. Price or Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|----|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | |
| Class A Units ⁽³⁾ ₍₄₎ | ⁽³⁾ ₍₄₎ | 06/30/2014 | | A | 3,451 | ⁽³⁾ ₍₄₎ | ⁽³⁾ ₍₄₎ | Common Stock | 3,451 | \$ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WILLIAMS JOHN A PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, INC. 3625 CUMBERLAND BOULEVARD SUITE 1150 ATLANTA, GA US 30339 | X | | Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey R. Sprain, as attorney-in-fact 08/15/2014

^{**}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).

John A. Williams and Leonard A. Silverstein share joint voting and investment power of these shares held by NELL Partners, Inc. John A. Williams disclaims any economic interest in such shares, 70% of which are owned indirectly by the Nancy Ann Richardson Williams

(1) Children's Trust, formed on January 30, 1995, a trust created by Mr. Williams' spouse for the benefit of their children, and 30% of which are owned indirectly by the Northside Partners Trust, formed on November 2, 2009, a trust created by Leonard A. Silverstein's spouse for the benefit of their children.

(2) These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's children. The reporting person's spouse is trustee of the trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(3) As of June 30, 2014, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company determined that the extent to which the performance measures had been achieved during the performance period resulted in 100% of the Class B Units that were not earned as of January 2, 2014, or 3,451 Class B Units, becoming earned Class B Units. The earned Class B Units were already vested and were converted into Class A Units on June 30, 2014.

(4) Represents Class A Units ("Class A Unit") of Preferred Apartment Communities Operating Partnership, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"), of which Preferred Apartment Communities, Inc. (the "Company") is the general partner. On January 2, 2013, the reporting person was awarded a maximum of 46,319 Class B Units of the Operating Partnership ("Class B Units") issued in lieu of any reimbursement for annual cash compensation for 2013, subject to certain performance conditions. When earned and vested, each Class B Unit is converted into a Class A Unit. Each Class A Unit may be exchanged for one share of the Company's common stock, or cash, as selected by the Company.

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