

PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 SILVERSTEIN LEONARD A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, INC., 3284 NORTHSIDE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 150

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30327

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/03/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 See Remarks

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 <u>(1)</u>				(A) or (D) Price	43,265 <u>(1)</u>	I	By NELL Partners, Inc.
Common Stock, par value \$0.01				(A) or (D) Price	35,473	D	

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. Pr Deri Secu (Inst	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class A Units <sup>(2)</sup> <sub>(3)</sub>	<sup>(2)</sup> <sub>(3)</sub>	01/03/2017 <sup>(2)</sup> <sub>(3)</sub>		A	52,451	<sup>(2)</sup> <sub>(3)</sub>	<sup>(2)</sup> <sub>(3)</sub>	Common Stock	52,451

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SILVERSTEIN LEONARD A PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, INC. 3284 NORTHSIDE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 150 ATLANTA, GA 30327	X		See Remarks	

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey R. Sprain, 01/05/2017  
attorney-in-fact

\*\*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, Leonard A. Silverstein and Daniel M. DuPree share joint voting and investment power over the shares held by NELL Partners, Inc. Mr. Silverstein disclaims any economic interest in such shares, 59% of which are owned indirectly by the Nancy Ann
- Richardson Williams Children's Trust, formed on January 30, 1995, a trust created by Mr. Williams' spouse for the benefit of their children; 26% of which are owned indirectly by Northside Partners Trust, formed on November 2, 2009, a trust created by Mr. Silverstein's spouse for the benefit of their children; and 15% of which are owned indirectly by Daniel M. DuPree.
  - 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 4, 2016, the reporting person was awarded a maximum of 52,451 Class B Units of the Operating Partnership ("Class B Units") issued in lieu of any reimbursement for annual cash compensation for 2016, subject to certain performance conditions. When earned and vested, each Class B

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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. Class A Units do not expire.

- (3) As of January 3, 2017, 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%, or 52,451 of the Class B Units becoming earned Class B Units. All of the earned Class B Units fully vested on January 3, 2017 and were converted into Class A Units on that date.

### **Remarks:**

President and Chief Operating Officer

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