

WILLIAMS JOHN A

Form 4

May 21, 2012

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
PREFERRED APARTMENT
COMMUNITIES, INC., 3625
CUMBERLAND BOULEVARD
SUITE 400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/17/2012

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
President and CEO

(Street)
ATLANTA, GA US 30339

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/17/2012		D(2)	41,400	\$ 8.04 (2)	5,500	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/17/2012		D(2)	16,597	\$ 8.04 (2)	0	I
					36,666 (1)	I	By Williams Fund Associates, LLC

Common
Stock, par
value \$0.01
(1)

By Nell
Partners,
Inc.

Common
Stock, par
value
\$0.01

30,495

I

By Spouse

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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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WILLIAMS JOHN A PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, INC. 3625 CUMBERLAND BOULEVARD SUITE 400 ATLANTA, GA US 30339	X President and CEO

Signatures

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

05/21/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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) Disposition reflects a transfer for tax and estate planning purposes. Price based on the closing price of the company's common stock on Wednesday May 16, 2012, the day before the transfer.

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