

PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC
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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 *
 CRONIN MICHAEL JOSEPH

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)
 01/03/2017

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

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

(Street)

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 Person

ATLANTA, GA 30327

(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) Price	2,500	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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Class A Units ⁽¹⁾ ₍₂₎	<u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	01/03/2017 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		A	4,995	<u>(1)(2)</u> <u>(1)(2)</u>	Common Stock	4,995 \$

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

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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(1) 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 14,986 Class B Units of the Operating Partnership ("Class B Units") issued in lieu of any reimbursement for annual cash compensation for 2016, 2017 and 2018, 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. Class A Units do not expire.

(2) 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 14,986 of the Class B Units becoming earned Class B Units. One-third of the earned Class B Units, or 4,995 Class B Units, fully vested on January 3, 2017 and were converted into Class A Units on that date. The remaining 9,991 unvested Class B Units will vest approximately equally on January 2, 2018 and January 2, 2019 and will convert to Class A Units on those dates.

Remarks:

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Executive Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer

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