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## **INTERVALE STREET–COLUMBIA ROAD HISTORIC DISTRICT IN DORCHESTER APPROVED FOR NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin has announced that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the Intervale Street–Columbia Road Historic District in Dorchester for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its December 12, 2018 meeting. The nomination will now be submitted to the National Register of Historic Places at the National Park Service in Washington, DC, for final consideration and designation.

“The Massachusetts Historical Commission is dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth’s rich historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources,” Galvin said. “The Intervale Street-Columbia Road Historic District is an important collection of early 20th-century apartment buildings in Dorchester. Their nomination to the National Register emphasizes the rich architectural and social history of the neighborhood.”

The district is one of six historic resources around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register by the Massachusetts Historical Commission at this meeting. Secretary Galvin serves as Chairman of the 17-member board, which meets regularly and considers historic resources eligible for the National Register four times a year.

The nine apartment buildings comprising the Intervale Street–Columbia Road Historic District were built between 1911 and 1925 as part of the development of this portion of Dorchester following the installation of electric streetcar lines on Blue Hill Avenue and Columbia Road. The buildings were all built by Jewish developers and the residents were predominantly Jewish until the 1950s. One of the apartment buildings, the Solomon Dvinsky Apartments II, was recently rehabilitated for affordable housing using state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credits.



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The National Register is the nation's official listing of significant historic resources. In Massachusetts, there are more than 70,000 properties listed in the National Register. The Massachusetts Historical Commission has been administering the National Register of Historic Places program in Massachusetts since 1966.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archaeologist. It was established in 1963 to identify, evaluate, and protect important historical and archaeological assets of the Commonwealth. More information about the Commission's programs may be found at [www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc).

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