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**BENJAMIN SILVERMAN APARTMENTS IN BOSTON APPROVED FOR  
NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the Benjamin Silverman Apartments in Boston for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its June 13, 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,” Secretary Galvin said. “Inclusion of the Benjamin Silverman Apartments, a recipient of historic rehabilitation tax credits, in the National Register helps to raise awareness of the significance of this apartment complex for the history of Boston’s Dorchester neighborhood.”

The Benjamin Silverman Apartments complex is one of nine historic resources around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register by the Massachusetts Historical Commission’s 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 Benjamin Silverman Apartments were built in 1915, right in the midst of an era of major development as investors capitalized on improvements to mass transit that brought inner-city populations to the growing suburbs. This part of Dorchester was particularly popular with the Jewish community, which included recent immigrants and families moving from downtown Boston in search of more space. Like many buildings from this era, the Benjamin Silverman

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Apartments are in the Colonial Revival style.

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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