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SAMUEL EDELMAN APARTMENTS 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 Samuel Edelman Apartments 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 Samuel Edelman Apartments on Norfolk Street in Dorchester have been rehabilitated using state and federal rehabilitation tax credits and will continue to serve as much-needed affordable housing.”

The building 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 Samuel Edelman Apartments were constructed in 1908 by speculative developer Samuel Edelman, who hoped to capitalize on neighborhood development following the installation of electric streetcar lines down Norfolk Street that helped to transform Dorchester from a rural community to a dense urban neighborhood. The building is a well-preserved example of 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.



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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.

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