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## **NATHAN WARNICK 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 Nathan Warnick Apartments, at 57 Bicknell Street in Dorchester, for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its March 13, 2019 meeting. The nomination will now be submitted to the National Register of Historic Places at the National Park Service 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. “The Nathan Warnick Apartment building is an important 1920s apartment block in a part of Dorchester, along Bicknell Street, that is predominantly wood-frame houses.”

The Nathan Warnick Apartments are one of six historic resources around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register by the Massachusetts Historical Commission at this meeting. Galvin serves as chair of the 17-member board, which meets regularly and considers historic resources eligible for the National Register four times per year.

The Nathan Warnick Apartment building was constructed in 1929 and designed by architect Bernard Levy in a streamlined Colonial Revival style that reflects the influence of Art Deco, particularly in its stepped-panel entrance surround and stepped parapet. The only large-scale apartment building on Bicknell Street in Dorchester, the building was constructed as the demographics and density of the neighborhood was changing, specifically as Jewish families moved out of central Boston neighborhoods.

The apartment building dates to a time when the more suburban character of Dorchester was transitioning to a denser urban neighborhood as the population rose. The rehabilitation of the building, with the support of state and federal historic tax credits, allows it to continue its present use as affordable housing.



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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. Additional 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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