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**COLUMBIA ROAD–STRATHCONA ROAD HISTORIC DISTRICT IN BOSTON
APPROVED FOR NOMINATION TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the Columbia Road–Strathcona Road Historic District 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 Columbia Road–Strathcona Road Historic District in the National Register will help to raise awareness of this important surviving streetscape near Uphams Corner in Dorchester.”

The Columbia Road–Strathcona Road Historic District is one of nine 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 Columbia Road–Strathcona Road Historic District consists of eight apartment buildings and one commercial building constructed between 1910 and 1928, 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, who occupied many of these buildings from when they were built until the

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middle of the 20th century. The buildings form a cohesive ensemble of Colonial Revival-style buildings that reflect urbanization and demographic shifts in Boston. A number of buildings in the district were designed by prolific local architects Samuel and Bernard Levy and Saul Moffie, Jewish immigrants from the Russian Empire.

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.

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