

As an owner and resident (of apartment 205) in the 1800 R Street Condominium, I support the application by Dr. Barry Fisher for a variance to allow a yoga studio in Unit C-6.

1. The unit in question is entered from the outside of the building and cannot be entered through the 1800 R condominium lobby, so there will be no traffic to or from it through the lobby.
2. Dr. Fisher, the owner, has in the last year completed a beautiful, high-quality upgrade on his own office, which adjoins the unit for the yoga. His newly installed wood blinds, on the floor to ceiling windows of his office facing the street at ground level, look far more elegant and professional than the worn blinds on the realty management office facing out to the other end of the building driveway. And his redesigned entry vestibule, which serves both his own office unit and the C-6 unit, is -- as seen through the vestibule's glass door beside the outdoor building-entry intercom system -- quite attractive and tasteful. All his improvements have enhanced the street face of the building and owners have reason to appreciate this.
3. In addition, Yoga clients do not cause trouble or make noise. They go to yoga for its serenity. So the use of this unit for Yoga seems quite appropriate.
4. Lastly, the other units on the street floor of the building are all for commercial operations, so the proposed use of unit C-6 for commercial purposes has long precedence in the building.

I can see no compelling reason to say no to Dr Fisher's application.

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