



**Paul Krutko, President and CEO
Ann ArborSPARK**

Paul Krutko is Ann Arbor SPARK's president and CEO.

Ann Arbor SPARK is a public-private partnership of business, government and academic institutions working to create economic prosperity in the Ann Arbor region.

In his role as CEO, he leads the organization's efforts to expand the regional economy through initiatives to support entrepreneurs and early stage companies accelerating their growth to full potential.

SPARK also supports the retention, expansion and attraction of mature companies that will grow the region's gross domestic product. SPARK convenes the Ann Arbor region's public-private leaders and other stakeholders to implement a strategic framework designed to maintain and to enhance the region's global competitiveness.

Paul has 35 years of economic and community expertise. Before joining Ann Arbor SPARK, he led San Jose, California's economic development efforts, where he served as chief development officer. He has also worked in economic development for the cities of Cleveland, OH and Jacksonville, FL.

In addition to his economic development leadership for San Jose and other cities, Paul founded Peloton Development, a consultancy devoted to advising businesses and municipal, regional, state and national governments on economic development and climate prosperity strategies. The consulting firm also advised on creating high performing economic development leaders and teams.

He earned a bachelor's degree in urban planning and design from the University of Cincinnati, College of Design, Architecture and Art. In addition to his responsibilities as SPARK CEO, Paul Krutko is the immediate past chair of the preeminent professional economic development organization in the world, the International Economic Development Council. He was designated a Fellow Member of IEDC in 2009.

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