

Fletcher McCusker

CEO of UAVenture Capital

Fletcher McCusker is a third generation Tucsonan recognized by many as the catalyst for Tucson's revitalized downtown, especially when it comes to music. A graduate of the University of Arizona in 1974 Fletcher lived and worked in several cities before moving back to Tucson in 1996 to launch the Providence Service Corporation, the country's first home based healthcare provider. Providence eventually became a billion-dollar public company and in 2010 Fletcher moved the company headquarters to a deserted block in downtown Tucson. Not only did that block, Broadway and Scott, house Providence but space was built out in the abandoned courthouse for a restaurant and 4 penthouse condominiums. Fletcher joined the Fox Theatre board, helped fund the Rialto Theater and was one of five founders of Second Saturday, now in its 8th year.

A musician and foodie Fletcher and his colleagues surmised that what would bring urban Tucson back was great food and great music. The Senate President recognized the passion Fletcher brought to downtown Tucson and in 2012 appointed him to the Rio Nuevo board which has evolved from a corrupt mismanaged government boondoggle to a huge contributor to downtown Tucson's current success with such projects as: The Tucson Arena, AC Marriot, Mercado Annex, The Moxy, the TCC Hotel, Roadrunners Hockey, Brings and several others, many involving music and food.

After "retiring" In 2013 Fletcher launched Sinfonia Healthcare, his second large healthcare venture, in an abandoned downtown warehouse and sold that company in 2017 only to start up UAVenture Capital, a growth capital fund dedicated to commercialize UofA science.

Fletcher has maintained his personal connection to music playing rhythm guitar in the rock band SQWRL and released his first album in April. SQWRL wrote the Roadrunners theme song and the band's video of Roadrunner's Rock can be seen at the start every home game.

He is widely known as downtown Tucson's greatest fan and has traveled extensively visiting other revitalized or revitalizing urban environments, sharing ideas with a number of organizations. He is credited as one of the private sector leaders that has "skin in the game" and is determined to celebrate a vibrant, world class downtown.