### FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Last) C/O EL 1	C/O EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS, INC.						Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. [ LOCO ]      Jate of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     11/15/2016									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title below) Chief Financial Officer				
(Street)	COSTA MESA CA 92626						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					ction	ar)	2A. Deeme Execution if any	ed Date,	3. 4. Secur Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		4. Securit	of, or Be ties Acquir d Of (D) (In:	ed (A) o	or 5. Amo 4 and Securit Benefic		nt of s illy	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/	ate, Tr	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		of Securitie		ties ng e Securi	5	Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e S Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				C	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		opiration	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er						
Stock Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$4.09	11/15/2016		A	\(\frac{1}{1}\)		12,310		12/28/2016	07	7/15/2023	Common Stock	12,31	10	\$0.00	75,98	3	D		
Stock Options (right to	\$5.84	11/15/2016		A	A <sup>(1)</sup>		24,621		12/28/2016	07	7/15/2023	Common Stock	24,62	21	\$0.00	196,96	57	D		

# **Explanation of Responses:**

 $1.\ Previously\ disclosed\ performance-based\ awards\ have\ been\ converted\ to\ time-based\ awards.$ 

#### Remarks:

/s/ Edith R. Austin, as attorney-04/20/2017 in-fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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