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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. [LOCO] | | tionship of Reporting Perso : all applicable) Director | on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------|---|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|
| | (First) LOCO HOLDING | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/08/2019 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | |
| | | JU | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | ridual or Joint/Group Filing (| | | |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------|---|----------------------|---|-------------------|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount (A) or (D) | | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (mour 4) |
| Common Stock | 05/08/2019 | | A | | 5,232 ⁽¹⁾ | Α | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 10,518 | D | |

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr | Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed | | 7. Title Amour Securi Under Deriva Securi and 4) | nt of ties ying tive ty (Instr. 3 | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Consists of restricted shares granted under the 2018 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, vesting in three equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant. **Remarks:**

<u>/s/ Edith R. Austin, as attorney-</u> <u>05/10/2019</u> <u>in-fact</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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