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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Munoz Hector A.</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS, INC. 3535 HARBOR BLVD., SUITE 100 <hr/> (Street) COSTA CA 92626 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2018	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. [LOCO]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Marketing Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Edith R. Austin, as attorney in fact 12/06/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Edith R. Austin of El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. (the "Company"), and Andrea L. Nicolas, Sophie X. Chang and Bryant H. Park of Skadden, A

- (1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form 10, including amendments thereto, and any other documents
- (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director, and/or 10% owner of the Company, Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange
- (3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto
- (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of December 3, 2018.

/s/ Hector A. Munoz
Name: Hector A. Munoz