

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Acoca Bernard</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS, INC.</u> <u>3535 HARBOR BLVD., SUITE 100</u> _____ (Street) <u>COSTA MESA CA 92626</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. [ LOCO ]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;"><b>President and CEO</b></p>		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/06/2020</u>					
			4. 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 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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	05/06/2020		A		80,260 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	271,325 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/08/2020		F		4,349 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$13.87	266,976 <sup>(4)</sup>	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	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					

Explanation of Responses:

- Consists of restricted shares granted under the 2018 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, vesting in four equal installments on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of grant.
- Includes 87,303 time-vested restricted stock units and 60,170 performance stock units, each of which may be settled on a 1-for-1 basis, only in shares of common stock and 123,852 shares of common stock.
- Shares surrendered on May 8, 2020, to the issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations applicable to stock-settled restricted shares that vested on May 8, 2020. The price reported in column 4 is the closing share price on May 8, 2020.
- Includes 87,303 time-vested restricted stock units and 60,170 performance stock units, each of which may be settled on a 1-for-1 basis, only in shares of common stock and 119,503 shares of common stock.

Remarks:

/s/ Jason Weintraub, as attorney-in-fact 05/08/2020  
 \*\* 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 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Jason Weintraub and Laurance Roberts of El Pollo Loco

- (1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commi:
- (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director, and/or 10% owner of the Comj
- (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
- (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may

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

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file with respect to the undersign

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of the date indicated below.

Date: 5/4/2020

/s/  
Name: Bernard Acoca