# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# **SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)\*

# El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (Title of Class of Securities)

> 268603107 (CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2023 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

 $\Box$  Rule 13d-1(b)

 $\boxtimes$  Rule 13d-1(c)

 $\Box$  Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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# Item 1(a). <u>Name of Issuer</u>:

El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer")

# Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

3535 Harbor Blvd., Suite 100 Costa Mesa, California 92626

#### Item 2(a). Names of Persons Filing:

#### Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

#### Item 2(c). <u>Citizenship</u>:

CSIP VI Corporate Acquisitions, LP ("CSIP VI") 3100 West End Avenue, Suite 940 Nashville, TN 37203 Citizenship: Delaware

CSFC Financing I, LLC ("CSFC Fin I") 3100 West End Avenue, Suite 940 Nashville, TN 37203 Citizenship: Delaware

CSFC Management Company, LLC ("CapitalSpring") 3100 West End Avenue, Suite 940 Nashville, TN 37203 Citizenship: Delaware

CapitalSpring Finance Company, LLC ("CFC") 3100 West End Avenue, Suite 940 Nashville, TN 37203 Citizenship: Delaware

Richard Fitzgerald 3100 West End Avenue, Suite 940 Nashville, TN 37203 Citizenship: United States

# Item 2(d). <u>Title of Class of Securities</u>:

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Shares")

#### Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

268603107

#### Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§ 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not applicable.

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# Item 4. <u>Ownership</u>.

(a) As of the close of December 31, 2023, CSIP VI held 1,541,862 Shares and CSFC Fin I held 31,467 Shares.

CFC is the parent company of CapitalSpring, and CapitalSpring is the manager of CSFC Fin I and CFC and the investment manager of CSIP VI. Mr. Fitzgerald is the Managing Partner of CapitalSpring.

- (b) The ownership percentages set forth on the cover pages to this Schedule 13G are based on 31,453,268 outstanding Shares, which is based on 32,953,268 Shares outstanding as of October 27, 2023, as reported by the Issuer in its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 27, 2023 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on November 3, 2023 (the "Form 10-Q"), less 1,500,000 Shares repurchased on November 29, 2023 as reported by the Issuer on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 29, 2023.
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

See Cover Pages Items 5-9.

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

See Cover Pages Items 5-9.

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

See Cover Pages Items 5-9.

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

See Cover Pages Items 5-9.

 Item 5.
 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

 Not applicable.

 Item 6.
 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

 Not applicable.
 Not applicable.

# Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable.

Item 9. <u>Notice of Dissolution of Group</u>.

Not applicable.

# Item 10. <u>Certification</u>.

By signing below each of the undersigned certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

#### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 9, 2024

CSIP VI Corporate Acquisitions, LP

By: /s/ Richard Fitzgerald

Name: Richard Fitzgerald Title: Managing Partner

CSFC Financing I, LLC

By: /s/ Richard Fitzgerald

Name:Richard FitzgeraldTitle:Managing Partner

CSFC Management Company, LLC

By: /s/ Richard Fitzgerald

Name:Richard FitzgeraldTitle:Managing Partner

CapitalSpring Finance Company, LLC

By: /s/ Richard Fitzgerald

Name:Richard FitzgeraldTitle:Managing Partner

Richard Fitzgerald

/s/ Richard Fitzgerald Richard Fitzgerald

#### AGREEMENT

The persons below hereby agree that the Schedule 13G to which this agreement is attached as an exhibit, as well as all future amendments to such Schedule 13G, shall be filed on behalf of each of them. This agreement is intended to satisfy the requirements of Rule 13d-1(k)(1)(iii) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Date: February 9, 2024

CSIP VI Corporate Acquisitions, LP

By: /s/ Richard Fitzgerald

Name:Richard FitzgeraldTitle:Managing Partner

CSFC Financing I, LLC

By: <u>/s/ Richard Fitzgerald</u> Name: Richard Fitzgerald Title: Managing Partner

CSFC Management Company, LLC

By: /s/ Richard Fitzgerald

Name: Richard Fitzgerald Title: Managing Partner

CapitalSpring Finance Company, LLC

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/s/ Richard Fitzgerald Richard Fitzgerald