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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A  
Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

Soliciting Material Pursuant to § 240.14a-12

**El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc.**

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EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS, INC.  
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COSTA MESA, CA 92626

# Your **Vote** Counts!

EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS, INC.

2021 Annual Meeting  
Vote by June 7, 2021  
11:59 PM ET



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## You invested in EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS, INC. and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy material for the stockholder meeting to be held on June 8, 2021.**

### Get informed before you vote

View the Notice and Proxy Statement and Form 10-K online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to May 25, 2021. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future stockholder meetings, you may (1) visit [www.ProxyVote.com](http://www.ProxyVote.com), (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com). If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



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#### Vote Virtually at the Meeting\*

June 8, 2021  
1:00 PM PT

Virtually at:  
[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/LOCO2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/LOCO2021)

\*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

## THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming stockholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. Election of Directors <b>Nominees:</b> 01) Bernard Acoca 02) Carol "Lili" Lynton 03) Michael G. Maselli	✔ For
2. Ratification of the Appointment of BDO USA, LLP as our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for 2021.	✔ For
3. Approval, on an Advisory (Non-Binding) Basis, of the Compensation of our Named Executive Officers.	✔ For
4. Approval of our Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.	✔ For

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