



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Mail Stop 3561

August 25, 2016

Laurance Roberts
Chief Financial Officer
El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc.
3535 Harbor Boulevard, Suite 100
Costa Mesta, California 92626

**Re: El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 30, 2015
Filed March 11, 2016
File No. 001-36556**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Andrew Mew

Andrew Mew
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant
Office of Transportation and Leisure