February 21, 2023 Laurance Roberts President and Chief Executive Officer El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. 3535 Harbor Blvd., Suite 100 Costa Mesa, CA 92626 Re: El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-3 Filed February 15, 2023 File No. 333-269807 Dear Laurance Roberts: This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement. Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff. Please contact Cara Wirth at (202) 551-7127 with any questions. Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Trade & Services cc: Michael J. Zeidel