## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP 0.5 hours per response obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b) Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person (Check all applicable) El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. [LOCO] FLOYD WILLIAM R Director 10% Owner 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Officer (give title Other (specify 05/09/2023 below) below) (Last) (Middle) (First) C/O EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS, INC. 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) 3535 HARBOR BLVD, SUITE 100 Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting (Street) Person 92626 COSTA MESA CA Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication (City) (State) (Zip) Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 6. Ownership Form: Direct 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 7. Nature Date Execution Date, Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and Securities Beneficially of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 5) (D) or Beneficial Owned Following Ownership (Instr. 4) 8) Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) or (D) Transaction(s) Code v Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) Common Stock 05/09/2023 15,453(1) A \$<mark>0</mark> 47,389 D A Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1 Title of 3. Transaction 34 Deemed 6. Date Exercisable and 7 Title and 8. Price of 9. Number of 10 11 Nature Execution Date, Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Ownership Conversion Transaction Number Amount of Derivative derivative of Indirect Derivative Date (Month/Dav/Year) Security or Exercise if any Code (Instr. Securities Security Securities Form: Beneficial of (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) 8) Derivative Underlying (Instr. 5) Beneficially Direct (D) Ownership Derivative Owned (Instr. 4) Securities Derivative or Indirect Security (Instr. 3 and 4) (I) (Instr. 4) Security Acquired Following Reported (A) or Disposed Transaction(s) of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 (Instr. 4) ànd 5) Amount Number Expiration Date Code v (A) (D) Exercisable Date Title Shares **Explanation of Responses:** 1. Consists of restricted shares granted under the Equity Incentive Plan, vesting in full on the first anniversary of the date of grant. /s/ Anne E. Jollay, Attorney-05/11/2023

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\*\* 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).

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