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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ROTH JOHN M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS, INC.</u> <u>3535 HARBOR BLVD, SUITE 100</u> (Street) <u>COSTA MESA CA 92626</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. [LOCO]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/07/2023</u>	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication <input type="checkbox"/> 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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/07/2023		S		2,467,000	D	\$10.63	2,994,251	I	See Notes ⁽¹⁾ (3)
Common Stock	08/07/2023		S		33,000	D	\$10.63	40,052	I	See Notes ⁽²⁾ (3)
Common Stock								36,974 ⁽⁴⁾	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)					

Explanation of Responses:

- Held directly by FS Equity Partners V, L.P. ("Equity Partners V"). The general partner of Equity Partners V is FS Capital Partners V, LLC (the "General Partner").
- Held directly by FS Affiliates V, L.P. ("Affiliates V"). The general partner of Affiliates V is the General Partner.
- Mr. Roth is a director of the Issuer, a managing member of the General Partner and chief executive officer of certain entities affiliated with Equity Partners V, Affiliates V and the General Partner. Mr. Roth disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by Equity Partners V and Affiliates V, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- Amount includes 9,934 restricted shares granted under the Issuer's Equity Incentive Plan on May 9, 2023, vesting in full on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

/s/ John M. Roth 08/08/2023

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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