

FORM 4

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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

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</p> <p><u>Kehler Dean C</u></p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p><u>C/O TRIMARAN CAPITAL PARTNERS</u> <u>1325 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 25TH FLOOR</u></p> <p>(Street)</p> <p><u>NEW YORK NY 10019</u></p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p><u>El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. [LOCO]</u></p>	<p>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)</p>
<p>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p><u>08/08/2018</u></p>		<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
<p>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</p>		

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	08/08/2018		A		5,286 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0.00	5,286	D	
Common Stock								16,746,544	I	See footnote ⁽²⁾

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)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

1. Consists of Restricted Shares granted under the 2018 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, vesting in three equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.
2. Trimaran Capital, L.L.C. is the managing member of Trimaran Pollo Partners, L.L.C. which is the direct owner of all shares reported herein. Mr. Kehler is a managing member of Trimaran Capital, L.L.C., and may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of shares of the issuer's common stock held by Trimaran Pollo Partners, L.L.C., but disclaims beneficial ownership thereof, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

Remarks:

/s/ Edith R. Austin, as
attorney-in-fact 08/10/2018

** 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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