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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Roberts Laurance                           |   |   |         | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. [ LOCO ] |                                    |  |  |  |        |            |   |        | 5. Relationship of Repor<br>(Check all applicable)<br>X Director |   |   |   | erson(s) to I  |  |     |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS, INC. 3535 HARBOR BLVD, SUITE 100 |   |   |         | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/08/2022                       |                                    |  |  |  |        |            |   |        | X Officer (give title Other (speciblelow)  CEO & PRESIDENT       |   |   |   |  |  |     |
| (Street) COSTA MESA CA 92626 (City) (State) (Zip)                                    |   |   |         |   |                                    |  |  | endment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |        |            |   |        |  |   | ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable 2)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |  |  |     |
|  |   | Table   | I - Non | -Deriva   | tive S                             | Secui  | rities   | Acq  | uired, | Dis        | posed of  | , or B | enefic   | ially   | Own   | ed  |  |  |     |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da                           |   |   |         | ay/Year) Exec   |                                    | . Deemed<br>ecution Date,<br>any<br>onth/Day/Year) |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr. 8) 4. Sec<br>Dispos<br>5)  |        | Disposed 0 | ties Acquired (A<br>l Of (D) (Instr. 3  |        | or<br>and  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |     |
|  |   |   |         |   |                                    |  |  | Code   | v      | Amount     | (A) o<br>(D)  | Pric   | e  | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   |   |  | (111511. 4)  |     |
| Common Stock 08/08/  |   |   |         |   | /2022                              |  |  |  | F      |            | 1,905(1)  | D      | \$9  | .32   | 151,833   |   |  | D  |     |
|  |   | Tal   |         |   |                                    |  |  |  |        |            | osed of, convertib  |        |  |   | )wne  | d   |  |  |     |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Derivative |         | Code (8)  | Transaction of Code (Instr. Deriva |  | vative<br>crities<br>critied<br>r<br>cosed<br>)<br>r. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Date |        |            | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>3 and 4)  Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of |        |  |   | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficiall<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4)                      | ly  | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |     |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The reporting person vested in 5,507 shares of common stock, of which the issuer retained 1,905 shares to satisfy the reporting person's tax obligation upon vesting of the restricted stock award. The price quoted in column 4 is the issuer's closing share price on August 5, 2022.

/s/ Anne E. Jollay, Attorney-

08/10/2022

in-Fact

\*\* 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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