

EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS, INC.

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DAWSON JOHN

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 * Dawson John (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS, INC., 3535 HARBOR BLVD., SUITE 100 (Street) COSTA MESA, CA 92626 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. [LOCO]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) Chief Development Officer
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">5/10/2017</p>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	5/10/2017		A		17924	(U)	A	\$13.95	17924	D

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$13.95	5/10/2017		A		29484		(2)	5/10/2027	Common Stock	29484	\$0.00	29484	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Consists of Restricted Shares granted under the 2014 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, vesting in four equal installments on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (2) Granted by a nonqualified stock option agreement under the 2014 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, vesting and becoming exercisable in four equal installments on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of grant.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dawson John C/O EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS, INC. 3535 HARBOR BLVD., SUITE 100 COSTA MESA, CA 92626			Chief Development Officer	

Signatures

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

5/12/2017

** 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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