

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

October 5, 2018

Laurance Roberts Chief Financial Officer El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. 3535 Harbor Boulevard, Suite 100 Costa Mesa, California 92626

Re: El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 27, 2017

Filed March 9, 2018 File No. 001-36556

Dear Mr. Roberts:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Transportation and Leisure