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

**SCHEDULE 14A**

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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- ☐ Preliminary Proxy Statement  
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# Your **Vote** Counts!

## CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

2026 Annual Meeting

Vote by February 10, 2026 11:59 PM ET. For shares held in a Plan, vote by February 6, 2026 11:59 PM ET.



CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY  
1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600  
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597



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## You invested in CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the shareholder meeting to be held on February 11, 2026.**

### Get informed before you vote

View the Notice and Proxy Statement, 2025 Annual Report and Shareholder Letter online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to January 28, 2026. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future shareholder meetings, you may (1) visit [www.ProxyVote.com](http://www.ProxyVote.com), (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com). If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



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### Vote Virtually at the Meeting\*

February 11, 2026  
10:30 a.m. Pacific Time

Virtually at:  
[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CENT2026](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CENT2026)

\*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

## Voting Items

## Board Recommends

- ## 1. Election of Directors

**Nominees:**

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 01) William E. Brown   | 06) Christopher T. Metz      |
| 02) Courtnee Chun      | 07) Brooks M. Pennington III |
| 03) Brendan P. Dougher | 08) John R. Ranelli          |
| 04) Nicholas Lahanas   | 09) M. Beth Springer         |
| 05) Randal D. Lewis    |                              |

 **For**

2. To ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending on September 26, 2026.

 **For**

3. To approve an advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as described in the accompanying proxy statement.

 **For**

**NOTE:** Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

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