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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* NOVOTNY GLENN W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2004					X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Pres./ Chief Executive Officer				
(Street) WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
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	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NOVOTNY GLENN W 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X		Pres./ Chief Executive Officer				

# **Signatures**

/s/ Glenn W. Novotny	01/06/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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).
  - 1) Includes shares of the Issuer's common stock held in the reporting person's 401(k) plan and acquired under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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