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**VIA EDGAR**

Securities and Exchange Commission  
Mail Stop 3561  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Attention: Angie Kim, Esq.

Re: Central Garden & Pet Company  
Form 10-K  
Filed November 20, 2009, File No. 001-33268  
Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A  
Filed December 30, 2009, File No. 001-33268

Dear Ms. Kim:

As we discussed on July 26, 2010, Central Garden & Pet Company (the "Company") has requested an extension until August 11, 2010 to respond to the comments set forth in the Staff's letter dated July 14, 2010 in connection with the Company's annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 20, 2009 and the Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on December 30, 2009.

If you have any questions regarding this extension request, please contact me at (415) 773-5918.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Brett Cooper*

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