

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|--|---------|----------|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person<br><b>CHICHESTER DAVID N</b> |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>CENTRAL GARDEN &amp; PET CO [CENT]</b> |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |  |  |
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>08/17/2016</b>                    |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |  |
| 1340 TREAT BLVD. STE 600   |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                    |  |  |   |  |  |
| (Street)<br><b>WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597</b>                            |         |          |  |  |  |   |  |  |
| (City)   | (State) | (Zip)    | <b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>  |  |  |   |  |  |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction 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                     |   |  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/17/2016                           |  | G                              | V | 4,063   | D          | \$ 0                      | 16,422  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/22/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 9,247   | A          | \$ 7.21                   | 25,669  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/22/2016                           |  | F <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 2,722   | D          | \$ 24.5                   | 22,947  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/22/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 6,761   | A          | \$ 9.86                   | 29,708  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/22/2016                           |  | F <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 2,721   | D          | \$ 24.5                   | 26,987  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/22/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 4,000   | A          | \$ 12.32                  | 30,987  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/22/2016                           |  | F <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 2,012   | D          | \$ 24.5                   | 28,975  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/23/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 12,553  | D          | \$ 24.5613 <sup>(2)</sup> | 16,422  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |                           | 2,804   | D  |   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year) |                      | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date      |   |  |  |  |  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 7.21  | 08/22/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 9,247   |     | <sup>(3)</sup> 08/10/2017                                | Class A Common Stock | 9,247   | \$ 0                                       | 0  | D  |  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 9.86  | 08/22/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 6,761   |     | <sup>(4)</sup> 08/10/2018                                | Class A Common Stock | 6,761   | \$ 0                                       | 6,762  | D  |  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 12.32   | 08/22/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 4,000   |     | <sup>(5)</sup> 08/17/2020                                | Class A Common Stock | 4,000   | \$ 0                                       | 8,500  | D  |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CHICHESTER DAVID N<br>1340 TREAT BLVD. STE 600<br>WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

|  |  |                     |
|--|--|---------------------|
| /s/ David Chichester                         |  | 08/23/2016          |
| <small>Signature of Reporting Person</small> |  | <small>Date</small> |

## 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) Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price incurred upon the above-reported exercise of options. The amount of shares withheld is based on the respective average of the high and low sales prices on the date of the exercise.
- (2) The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$24.52 to \$24.61. Mr. Chichester undertakes that he will provide, upon request by the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, full information regarding the number of securities sold at each separate price.
- (3) One-third of the total options granted became exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 10, 2014, the date of the grant
- (4) One-third of the total options granted became exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 10, 2015, the date of the grant.
- (5) The options will vest upon the first to occur of termination of employment by the Company (other than for cause) or the expiration of six months after commencement of employment.

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