FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Ranelli John (Last) (First) (Middle)	CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT]	__X__ Director ____ 10% Owner ____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2016	
(Street) WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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	12/13/2016		S		20,000	D	$ 29.874 (1)	116,414	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust (2)
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2016		S		20,000	D	$ 30.4189 (3)	96,414	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust (2)
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2016		S		14,057	D	$ 30.4652 (4)	82,357	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust (2)
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2016		S(5)		638	D	$ 30.3319 (6)	81,719	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust (2)
Class A Common Stock								126,705	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2016		S(5)		7,266	D	$ 32.2461 (7)	39,384	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust (2)
Common Stock								64,253	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)

				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ranelli John C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X			

Signatures

/s/ JoAnn Jonte, as Attorney-in-Fact for John Ranelli		12/15/2016
**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)** The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from $29.80 to $30.08. Mr. Ranelli 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.
- **(2)** Mr. Ranelli disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of the Company's Common Stock and Class A Common Stock owned by the John R. Ranelli Trust Dated 12/24/97 except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- **(3)** The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from $30.25 to $30.72. Mr. Ranelli 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.
- **(4)** The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from $30.25 to $30.74. Mr. Ranelli 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.
- **(5)** Shares sold through sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- **(6)** The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from $30.02 to $30.64. Mr. Ranelli 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.
- **(7)** The range of prices for the shares of Common Stock is from $31.82 to $32.66. Mr. Ranelli 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.

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