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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person * Dougher Brendan | | | | 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 BOULEVARD, SUITE 600 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2021 | | | | | | | | ve title below) | | er (specify bel | ow) | |
| (Street) WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 | | | 4 | 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 | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu | | | | | | | s Acquired | lired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | |
| 1.Title of S (Instr. 3) | , | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Code (Instr. | . 8) | (A | 4. Securities Acq (A) or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) | | Owned Follo Transaction(s (Instr. 3 and 4 | | | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Class A (| Common S | Stock | 02/09/2021 | | | A | | | ,591 A | . , | | 793 | | | D | |
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| | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Dougher Brendan 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/Brendan Dougher | 02/10/2021 |
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| **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) Restricted stock award granted under the Company's Nonemployee Director Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.
- (2) Stock options granted under the Company's Nonemployee Director Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.
- (3) One-third of the total options granted will become exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 9, 2021, the date of the grant.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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