FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BALOUSEK JOHN				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., STE. 600				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2016						Office	er (give title belo	ow)	Other (specify b	elow)		
(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						
(City) (State) (Zip)				Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu						ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						
(Instr. 3) Date		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if		f Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquire (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of (D)	D) Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		ollowing	Ownership Form:	Beneficial		
				(Month/Day	/Year		ode	v	Amour	(A) or		(Instr. 3 and 4)			\ /	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A	Common S	Stock	05/05/2016			S	<u>(1)</u>		27,31	4 D	\$ 17	1,455			D	
Common Stock											55,160			D		
				Derivative So			quire	cont the f	ained i orm di	n this fo splays a of, or Be	orm ar curre	e not requently valid	OMB conf	ormation spond unle trol numbe	ss	1474 (9-02)
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Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y	Year) Execution Da	4. 5. Number Code of (Instr. 8) Derivat Securiti Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (Instr. 3) 4, and 5		rative rities ired rosed) . 3,	and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Am Uno Sec	Citle and count of derlying urities str. 3 and	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ownersl Form of Derivati Security Direct (I or Indire	Ownersh (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	cisable	Expiration Date	On Titl	Amount or Number of Shares				

Reporting Owners

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BALOUSEK JOHN 1340 TREAT BLVD., STE. 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X					

Signatures

/s/ John Balousek	05/05/2016
**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) Shares sold through sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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