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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] PENNINGTON BROOKS III | | | 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, SUITE 600 | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/11/2020 | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify | below) | |
| ^(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) | Та | ble I - Nor | 1-Der | vivative S | ecuritie | es Acqu | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially | r Beneficially Owned | | |
| (Instr. 3) Date | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 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) | | Beneficial | |
| | (Month/ | | (Month/Day/Year) | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | · · · | Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Class A Commo | on Stock | 08/11/2020 | | F <u>(1)</u> | | 250 | D | \$ 39.08 | 37,261 | D | | |
| Class A Commo | on Stock | | | | | | | | 3,876 | I | By Spouse (2) | |
| Class A Commo | on Stock | | | | | | | | 15,208 | Ι | By LLC (3) | |
| Units | | | | | | | | | 1,935.876 | Ι | 401(k) Plan <u>(4)</u> | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | 159,950 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | 6,938 | I | By Spouse (2) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | 7,604 | Ι | By LLC (3) | |

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)

| | | | (e.g., j | puts, cans, | war | 1 ants | s, up | tions, conver | uble securi | ues) | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------|------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | | | 6. Date Exer | cisable | 7. Tit | le and | 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10. | 11. Nature |
| Derivative | Conversion | Date | Execution Date, if | Transactio | n N | Number and Expiration Date A | | | Amo | unt of | Derivative | Derivative | Ownership | of Indirect | |
| Security | or Exercise | (Month/Day/Year) | any | Code | of | f | (Month/Day/Year) | | | Unde | rlying | Security | Securities | Form of | Beneficial |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | D | eriva | rivative | | | Secur | rities | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially | Derivative | Ownership |
| | Derivative | | | | Se | ecuri | ties | | | (Instr | . 3 and | | Owned | Security: | (Instr. 4) |
| | Security | | | | A | cqui | red | | | 4) | | | Following | Direct (D) | |
| | | | | | (A | A) or | | | | | | | Reported | or Indirect | |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | | Transaction(s) | (I) | | |
| | | | | | of | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | ` | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, | 4, and 5) | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Amount | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | D. | . | | or | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Expiration | Title | Number | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | | of | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | 7 (1 | A) | (D) | | | | Shares | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Relationships |
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| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
|---|----------|--------------|---------|-------|
| PENNINGTON BROOKS III 1340 TREAT BLVD SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 | Х | | | |

Signatures

| /s/Sonny Pennington | 08/13/2020 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| **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 delivered by Reporting Person in payment of the withholding tax liability upon vesting of restricted stock. The amount of shares withheld is based on the average of the high and low of the sales prices of CENTA on August 11, 2020.
- (2) Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of 3,876 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock owned by his spouse and 6,938 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned by his spouse.
- (3) By Pennington Management Company II, LLC, in which Mr. Pennington has an ownership interest. Mr. Pennington is the President of Pennington Management Company II, LLC, Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (4) The units represent interests in the CENTA Stock Fund in the Issuer's 401(k) Plan, which consist of shares of CENTA stock and cash.

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