### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)																			
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BROWN WILLIAM E				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 _X_ 10% Owner									
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2022							X_ Office	er (give title belo	Chairn		er (specif	y below				
(Street)				4. If	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									
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(City	)	(State)		(Zip)			Tal	ble I -	Non-	-De	erivative	Securi	ties A	Acqui	ired, Dispo	osed of, or I	Beneficia	lly Ow	ned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		Date (Month/Day/Year) a		any	ion Date, if	f C	(Instr. 8)		(A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of (I	(D) Beneficiall Reported T		of Securities y Owned Following Cransaction(s)		Ownership Form:		Beneficial			
				(Monti	h/Day/Year)		Code	•	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Pric		Instr. 3 and	14)		` /		Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Class A Common Stock 01		01/19/2	2022				F		1,087 D \$ 42		\$ 42.8	83 1	1,024,941		D						
Class A Common Stock		01/20/2	1/20/2022				F			1,130 (2)	D	\$ 42.4	4 1	1,023,811			D				
Class A Common Stock													2	246,012		I		By Irrevoc Trusts <sup>1</sup>			
Common Stock													1	1,378,592	(4)		D				
Reminder:	Report on a	separate line	for each c	class of secu	rities b	eneficially	ow	ned di	F	er	rsons wh	no res				ction of inf			SE	C 147	4 (9-02)
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)  2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security			on 3A. Deemed Execution Dearly any		4.		5 N O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	5.		tions, convertible secur  6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		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)		Beneficial
						Code V	V (	(A) (		Da Ex	ate ercisable	Expire Date	ation	Title	Amount or e Number of Shares						

## **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BROWN WILLIAM E C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X	X	Chairman					

### **Signatures**

/s/ JoAnn Jonte, as Attorney-in-Fact for William E. Brown	01/21/2022		
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 withheld by the Issuer in payment of the withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of restricted stock. The amount of shares withheld is based on the average of the high and low sales prices on January 19, 2022.
- (2) hares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of restricted stock. The amount of shares withheld is based on the average of the high and low sales prices on January 20, 2022.
- These securities are owned directly by various family Irrevocable Trusts and indirectly by the Reporting Person and his spouse as co-trustees of the Irrevocable Trusts. The (3) Reporting Person and his spouse, as co-trustees, have and share investment control over the securities held in each of the Irrevocable Trusts but disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities held by the Irrevocable Trusts except to the extent of his and his wife's pecuniary interest therein.
- (4) The amount of shares of the Issuer's Common Stock beneficially owned in column 5 excludes 1,600,459 shares of Class B common stock, which is convertible into Common Stock.

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