BALOUSEK JOHN

Form 4

February 14, 2019

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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See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BALOUSEK JOHN**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

Symbol

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

(Check all applicable)

[CENT]

(Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BLVD,

(Street)

(State)

(First)

SUITE 600

(City)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

02/12/2019

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

1.890

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

D

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Class A

Common 02/12/2019 Code V Amount (D) Price 718 (1) A

(A)

\$0

Stock

Stock

By Class A Balousek Common 1.455 Ι Family Stock L.P. (2)Common 5,160 Ι By

Α

Balousek Family

L.P. (2)

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.88	02/12/2019		A	7,174 (3)	<u>(4)</u>	02/12/2025	Class A Common Stock	7,174

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BALOUSEK JOHN C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597



Signatures

/s/JoAnn Jonte as Attorney-in-Fact for John Balousek

02/14/2019

**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)

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By Balousek Family L.P. Mr. Balousek is the general partner of Balousek Family L.P. Mr. Balousek disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

- (3) Stock options granted under the Company's Nonemployee Director Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.
- One-third of the total options granted will become exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 12, 2019, the date of the grant.

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