

BALOUSEK JOHN  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/13/2018

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600

(Street)

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

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock	02/13/2018		A	542 <sup>(1)</sup>	A \$ 0	6,182	D
Class A Common Stock						1,455	I By Balousek Family L.P. <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock						5,160	I By 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.94	02/13/2018		A	5,415 (3)	(4) 08/13/2021	Class A Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares 5,415

## 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

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## Signatures

/s/ John Balousek                      02/14/2018

\*\*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

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- (2) 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.
- (4) One-third of the total options granted will become exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 13, 2018, the date of the grant.

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