

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
Form DEFA14A  
December 30, 2016

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

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**(Amendment No. \_\_)**

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**CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on February 14, 2017**

***CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY***

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*1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, STE 600*

*WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597-7578*

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting

**For holders as of:** December 16, 2016

**Date:** February 14, 2017      **Time:** 10:30 AM PST

**Location:** Renaissance ClubSport Hotel

2805 Jones Road

Walnut Creek, CA 94597



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**Before You Vote**

How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

- 1. Notice & Proxy Statement
- 2. 2016 Annual Report and Stockholder Letter

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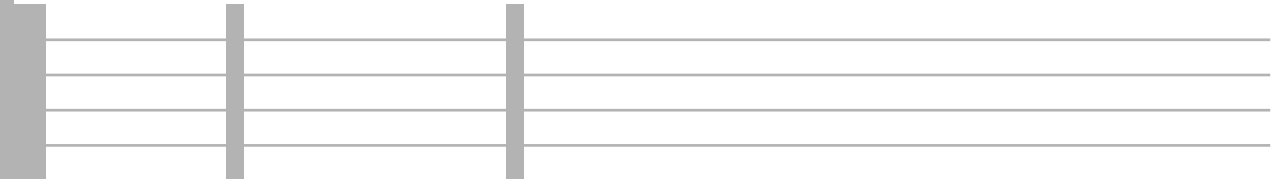
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**How To Vote**

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

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**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:**

**1. Election of Directors Nominees**

01 John B. Balousek      02 William E. Brown      03 Thomas J. Colligan      04 Brooks M. Pennington III      05 Alfred A. Piergallini  
06 John R. Ranelli      07 George C. McBeth      08 Beth Springer      09 Andrew K. Woeber

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote 3 YEARS on the following proposal:**

**2** To recommend, by non-binding vote, the frequency of executive compensation votes.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 3, 4 and 5.**

**3** To approve an advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as described in the accompanying proxy statement.

**4** To approve the amendment of the Nonemployee Director Equity Incentive Plan to increase the number of shares of Class A Common Stock authorized for issuance.

**5** To ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2017.

**NOTE:** Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

