

**\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right to Vote* \*\*\***  
**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on February 12, 2019.**

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY



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1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600  
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** December 14, 2018  
**Date:** February 12, 2019      **Time:** 10:30 A.M. PST  
**Location:** Embassy Suites Walnut Creek  
1345 Treat Blvd.  
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

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This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

– Before You Vote –  
How to Access the Proxy Materials

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

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT                      2018 ANNUAL REPORT                      STOCKHOLDER LETTER

**How to View Online:**

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

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- 1) *BY INTERNET:*                      [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) *BY TELEPHONE:*                      1-800-579-1639
- 3) *BY E-MAIL\*:*                      [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before January 29, 2019 to facilitate timely delivery.

– 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.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

<b>Voting Items</b>
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**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:**

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees:**

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 01) John B. Balousek   | 06) Brooks M. Pennington III |
| 02) William E. Brown   | 07) John R. Ranelli          |
| 03) Thomas J. Colligan | 08) George C. Roeth          |
| 04) Michael J. Edwards | 09) M. Beth Springer         |
| 05) John E. Hanson     |                              |

2. To ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending on September 28, 2019.

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

