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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: All Eyes on Los Angeles Mayoral Primary]

MARY BRUCE: And now to the high-stakes LA mayor's race. Voters are going to the polls for primary day in California with all eyes on the insurgent former reality show star Spencer Pratt. Trevor Ault is in Los Angeles with the latest. Trevor, good morning.

TREVOR AULT: Good morning, Mary. And you don't often see national attention and millions of dollars spent on a mayoral primary, but that is what voters are weighing today in Los Angeles. And of course, a big portion of this attention is from the provocative campaign of reality star Spencer Pratt. This morning, California voters are headed to the polls with the spotlight on a highly competitive primary for Los Angeles mayor, including reality star-turned-conservative firebrand Spencer Pratt, making an unexpected push.

SPENCER PRATT: I just want people to feel safe. I want families to be able to thrive in the city.

AULT: Pratt rose to fame on the early 2000s MTV show *The Hills*.

PRATT [on MTV's *The Hills*]: I say things that I feel.

AULT: His campaign has taken aim at incumbent mayor Karen Bass. She's battled lower approval ratings, triggered largely by her response to last year's devastating wildfires.

MAYOR KAREN BASS (D) [IN CAMPAIGN AD]: I haven't always got it right. There's more work to do. And with your help, I'll keep fighting for LA.

AULT: The Democratic vote now appears split between Mayor Bass and a progressive challenger, Councilmember Nithya Raman. That's paved the way for Pratt, a registered Republican running as an independent. He's been a vocal critic of the mayor since his Pacific Palisades mansion burnt down in the fires, but he's drawn criticism for campaign ads implying he's since been living in an airstream trailer, later clarifying he's actually staying in a luxury hotel. He's also stirred mixed reactions for his campaign's frequent use of reposted AI-generated ads and his blunt statements about wanting to clear out the city's homeless.

KABC's JOSH HASKELL [TO PRATT]: What are your plans for the over 40,000 homeless in Los Angeles?

PRATT: Yeah. Well, they're not homeless. They're drug addicts.

AULT: The latest polling shows Bass, Raman, and Pratt all virtually tied with 10 percent of likely voters still undecided. Now, in all likelihood, the primary is going to narrow down the

mayor's race to the top two candidates who would compete in a run-off race in November. And of course, given all this attention, it's possible we could see quite a high voter turnout in LA, George.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Right. There are a lot of other key races as well.

AULT: Absolutely. And the big one for everyone to pay attention to nationally is for California's governor, the primary there, who might replace Gavin Newsom. This is similar to the mayor's race where it appears from polling, there's three main candidates going for two spots. Democrat Xavier Becerra has a slight lead, but then second place is essentially tied between billionaire progressive Tom Steyer and conservative commentator Steve Hilton, George.

STEPHANOPOULOS: Okay. Trevor, thanks very much.