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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Voters Slowly Tallied in Primary Races]

LINSEY DAVIS: Here in the U.S., the shift in the Los Angeles mayor's race. What the latest ballot count now shows for reality TV star Spencer Pratt as the race heads to a runoff.

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DAVIS: We move on now to the heated Los Angeles race for mayor with primary vote still being counted. Mayor Karen Bass is holding on to her lead, but reality TV star Spencer Pratt is seeing his chances of making the runoff election dwindle. Here's ABC's Kayna Whitworth.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Voters Slowly Tallied in Primary Races; Spencer Pratt Could Fall Short in Los Angeles Mayoral Runoff]

KAYNA WHITWORTH: He's the upstart conservative candidate from reality TV, but tonight Spencer Pratt could fall just short of making it into a November runoff with Los Angeles mayor, Karen Bass.

SPENCER PRATT [on 06/03/26]: I look around and the city's failing most of Los Angeles.

WHITWORTH: Pratt was in second place on election night, but in California where 80 percent of voters vote by mail, it can take weeks to get final results. And tonight, Pratt now in third place with progressive council member, Nithya Raman, moving past him.

NITHYA RAMAN: What I've heard from voters across the city right now is a sense of dissatisfaction with the direction of the city.

WHITWORTH: Pratt's home burned in the LA wildfires. He's harshly attacked the mayor, his campaign getting a boost from sharing splashy AI videos. He ran as an independent, but was endorsed by President Trump.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP [on 05/20/26]: I heard he's a big MAGA person.

WHITWORTH: Now with Pratt trailing, Trump making baseless claims of fraud, citing how long it's taking to count the ballots. But this is typical for California. ballots postmarked by

election day can arrive up to a week later and still be counted, and election workers cross-check the signatures on those mail in ballots. It's not fast, but it's meant to prevent voter fraud.

LA COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER & COUNTY CLERK DEAN LOGAN [on CNN's *The Story Is*, 06/06/26]: This is really about making sure that every eligible ballot in this election is counted and counted correctly.

WHITWORTH: And Lindsay, the results in the primary California governor's race haven't been finalized yet either. Currently in first place is Democrat Xavier Becerra. In second place is former Fox News host Steve Hilton and rounding out the top three, Democrat Tom Steyer, Lindsey.

DAVIS: Kayne Whitworth for us, Kayla, thank you.