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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Harsh Reality; Spencer Pratt Falls Short]

RACHEL SCOTT: Harsh reality. Overnight, Spencer Pratt falling short in his bid to become mayor of LA. Now who's heading to the runoff?

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Spencer Pratt Falls Short in L.A. Mayoral Race]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: We're gonna get the latest now on the Los Angeles mayor's race. General election now set. Mayor Karen Bass will face off against progressive challenger Nithya Raman after reality star Spencer Pratt fell into third place. Trevor Ault is on the scene in LA. Good morning, Trevor.

TREVOR AULT: Good morning, George. You know, on election night, Pratt was in second place with a 40,000 vote lead, but he has now dropped below council member Nithya Raman by more than 20,000 votes. And the race has been called, so she will go head-to-head with current Mayor Karen Bass in a November runoff. Spencer Pratt had said, if Mayor Bass or Raman won him [sic] this race, he was going to give up on living in LA. His campaign was fully focused on critiquing the mayor, and it did generate a lot of traction online, but not enough traction with voters in the city of Los Angeles, and he'll come up just short of facing the mayor head-to-head. Now, we know there's been a lot of questions on why it's taking California so long to count the votes. Well, 80 percent of voters here vote by mail, and ballots postmarked by election day can arrive as late as today and still be counted. Plus, election workers are cross-checking the signatures on all of those mail-in ballots. It is not a very fast process, but it is meant to prevent voter fraud. And as this count continues, the primary for governor is also still too close to call, with former Biden Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and former Fox News host Steve Hilton have the inside track to make the runoff, Rebecca.

REBECCA JARVIS: Nationwide attention on this one. All right, Trevor, thank you.