

FILIPINO-AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HAWAI'I

Makibaka: Huwag Matakot! **(Struggle: Do Not Be Afraid!)**



Waipahu Public Library

October 19, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
94-275 Mokuola Street
808-675-0358

Hawaii State Public Library

October 26, 2019
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
478 S King Street
808-586-3500

In the 1970s “Makibaka: Huwag Matakot!” was the rallying cry for a group of local-born and immigrant Filipinos threatened with eviction from their Waipahu homes. With no place to go, Ota Camp residents and community supporters demonstrated and marched to gain public support. Families eventually won their right to purchase their homes and form a community where they could stay together, grow vegetables and fruits, and raise animals. The Filipino-American Historical Society of Hawai’i presents two video presentations by Johnny Verzon on the Ota Camp eviction and the residents’ 30-year struggle to gain decent housing and maintain a barrio lifestyle.

Explaining how the Ota Camp struggle impacted the Filipino community, “Makibaka: Huwag Matakot!” features historian Melinda Tria Kerkvliet, Ota Camp resident Nora Tagalog, community supporters Bernie Suguitan Ledesma, Leon Dagdagan, Ernie Libarios and Evelyn Mingming Llenas.

A question and answer session follows each presentation.

Photo of Pete Tagalog, by John Titchen, courtesy of the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*.