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.


A question and answer session follows each presentation.